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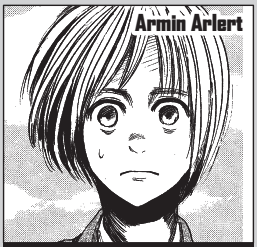
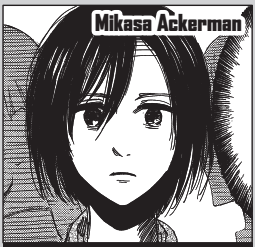
104th Training Corps



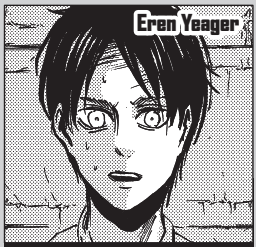
Armin Arlert

Eren and Mikasa's childhood friend. Though Armin isn't athletic in the least, he is an excellent thinker and can produce unique ideas.



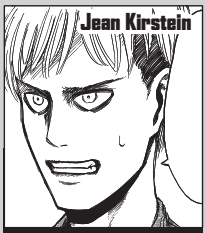
Mikasa Ackerman

Mikasa graduated at the top of her training corps. Her parents were murdered before her eyes when she was a child. After that, she was raised alongside Eren, whom she tenaciously tries to protect.



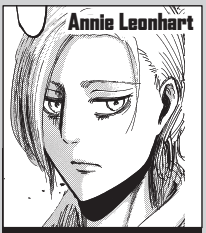
Eren Yeager

Longing for the world outside the wall, Eren aims to join the Survey Corps. He can turn himself into a Titan.



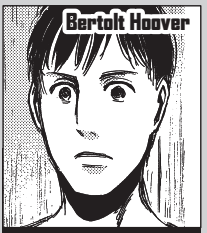
Jean Kirstein

Superior at vertical maneuvering. Jean is honest to a fault, which often puts him at odds with other people.



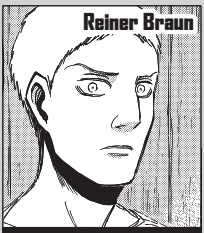
Annie Leonhart

Annie's small stature belies her great skill in the art of hand-to-hand combat. She's a realist through and through, and tends to be a loner.



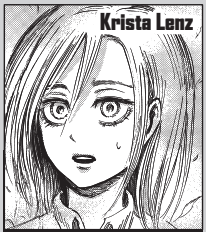
Bertolt Hoover

Has a high degree of skill in everything he's been taught, but is indecisive and lacks initiative.



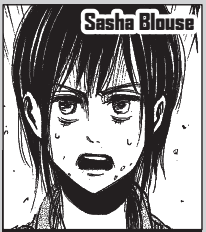
Reiner Braun

Graduated second in his training corps. Reiner is as strong as an ox and has the will to match. His comrades have a great deal of trust in him.



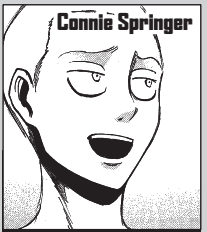
Krista Lenz

Extremely short, with a friendly, warm-hearted personality.



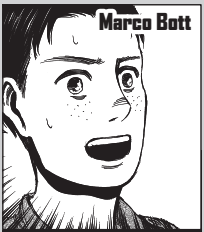
Sasha Blouse

Sasha is very agile and has remarkable instincts. Owing to her unconventionality, she isn't suited for organized activity.



Connie Springer

Effective at vertical maneuvering, but slow on the uptake, so his comprehension of tactics is less than stellar.

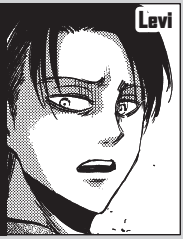


Marco Bott

Yearned to join the Military Police Brigade so he could serve the king. Marco died during the Titan mop-up operation.

Grisha Yeager

A doctor and Eren's father. He went missing after the Titan attack five years ago.



Levi

Captain of the Survey Corps, said to be the strongest human alive.

Erwin Smith

Commander of the Survey Corps.

A CENTURY AGO, HUMANKIND WAS PUSHED TO THE BRINK OF EXTINC-TION BY ITS NATURAL ENEMY, THE TITANS.
BY BUILDING THICK WALLS, HUMANITY OBTAINED TERRITORY AND PEACE OF MIND.
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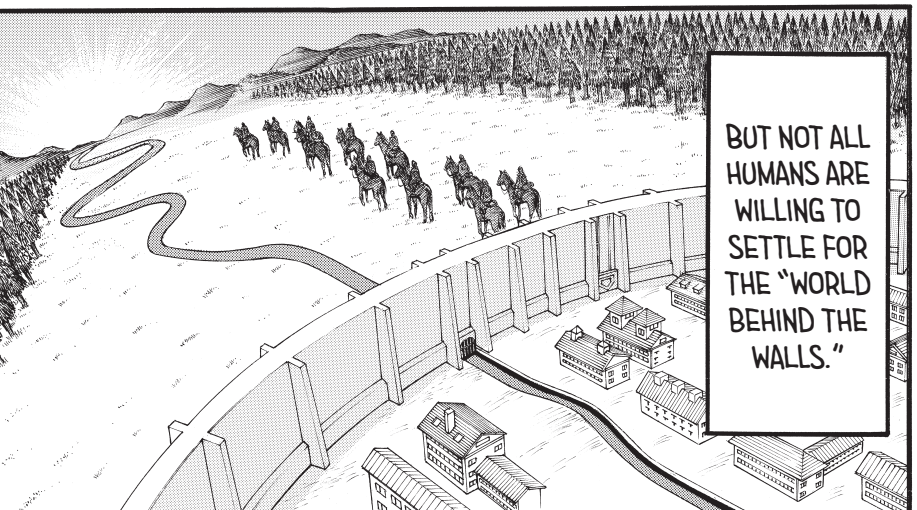
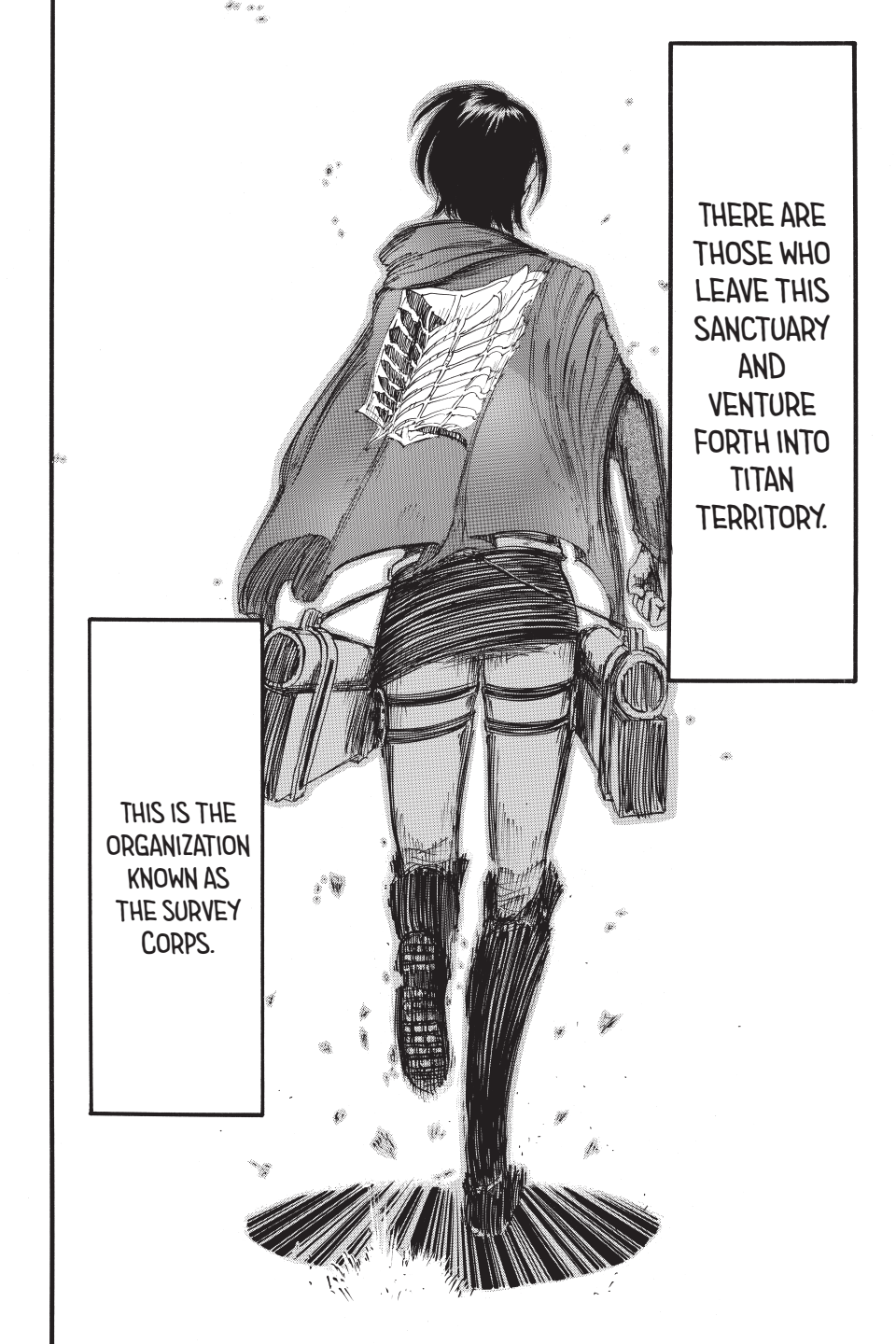
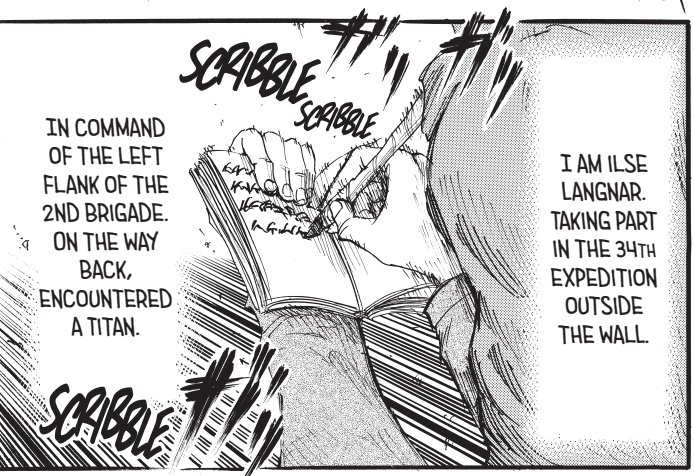

BUT NOT ALL HUMANS ARE WILLING TO SETTLE FOR THE "WORLD BEHIND THE WALLS."


THERE ARE THOSE WHO LEAVE THIS SANCTUARY AND VENTURE FORTH INTO TITAN TERRITORY.
THIS IS THE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE SURVEY CORPS.

TAK
TAK TAK
CLATTER
CLATTER
KACHA
KACHA


SCRIBBLE
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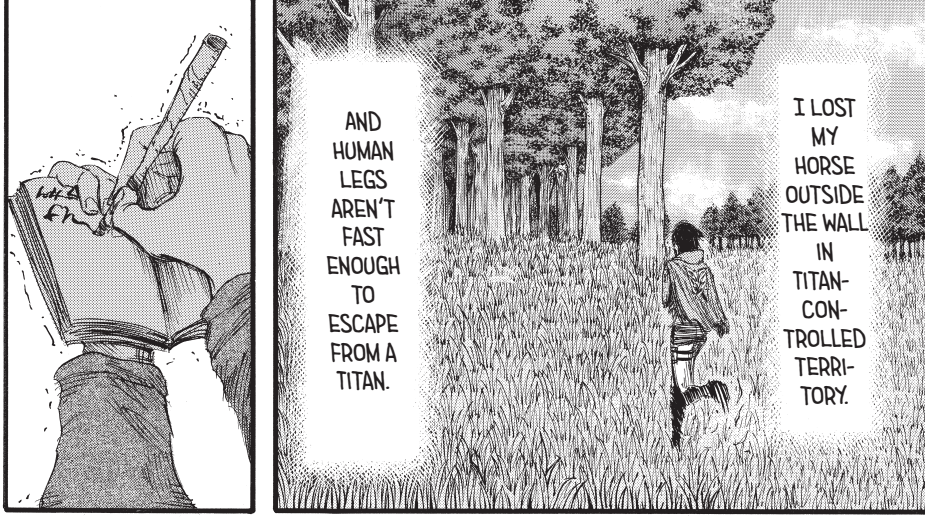
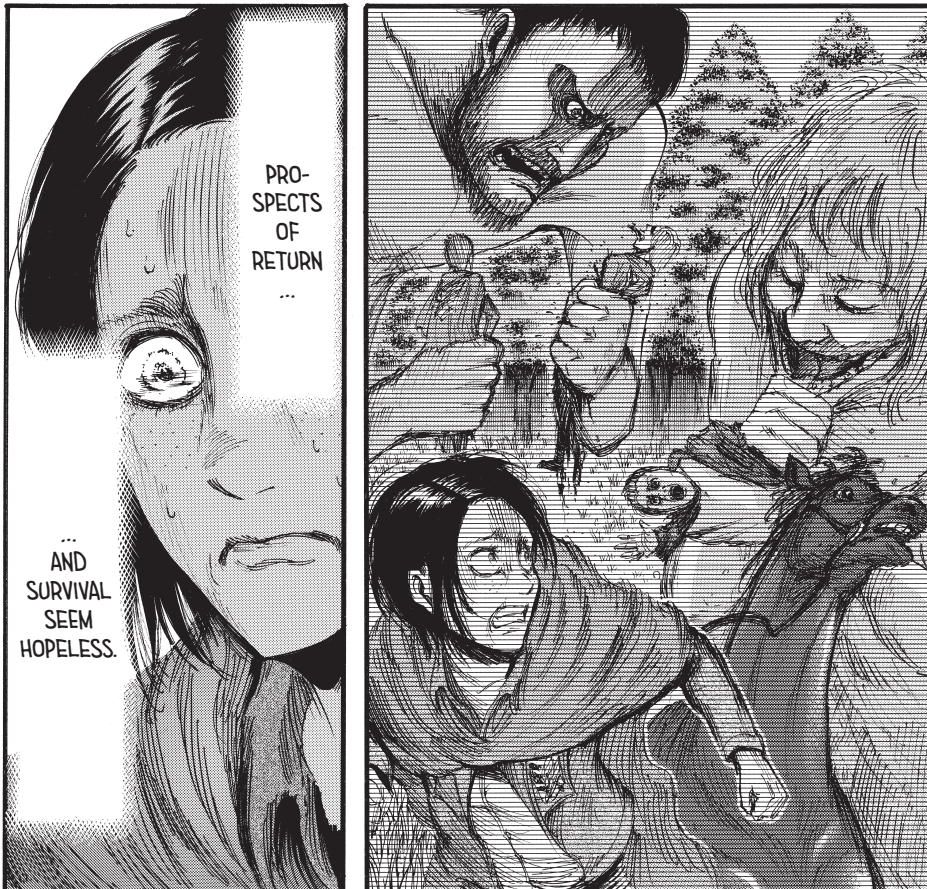
SCRIBBLE
IN COMMAND OF THE LEFT FLANK OF THE 2ND BRIGADE. ON THE WAY BACK, ENCOUNTERED A TITAN.
I AM ILSE LANGNAR. TAKING PART IN THE 34TH EXPEDITION OUTSIDE THE WALL.

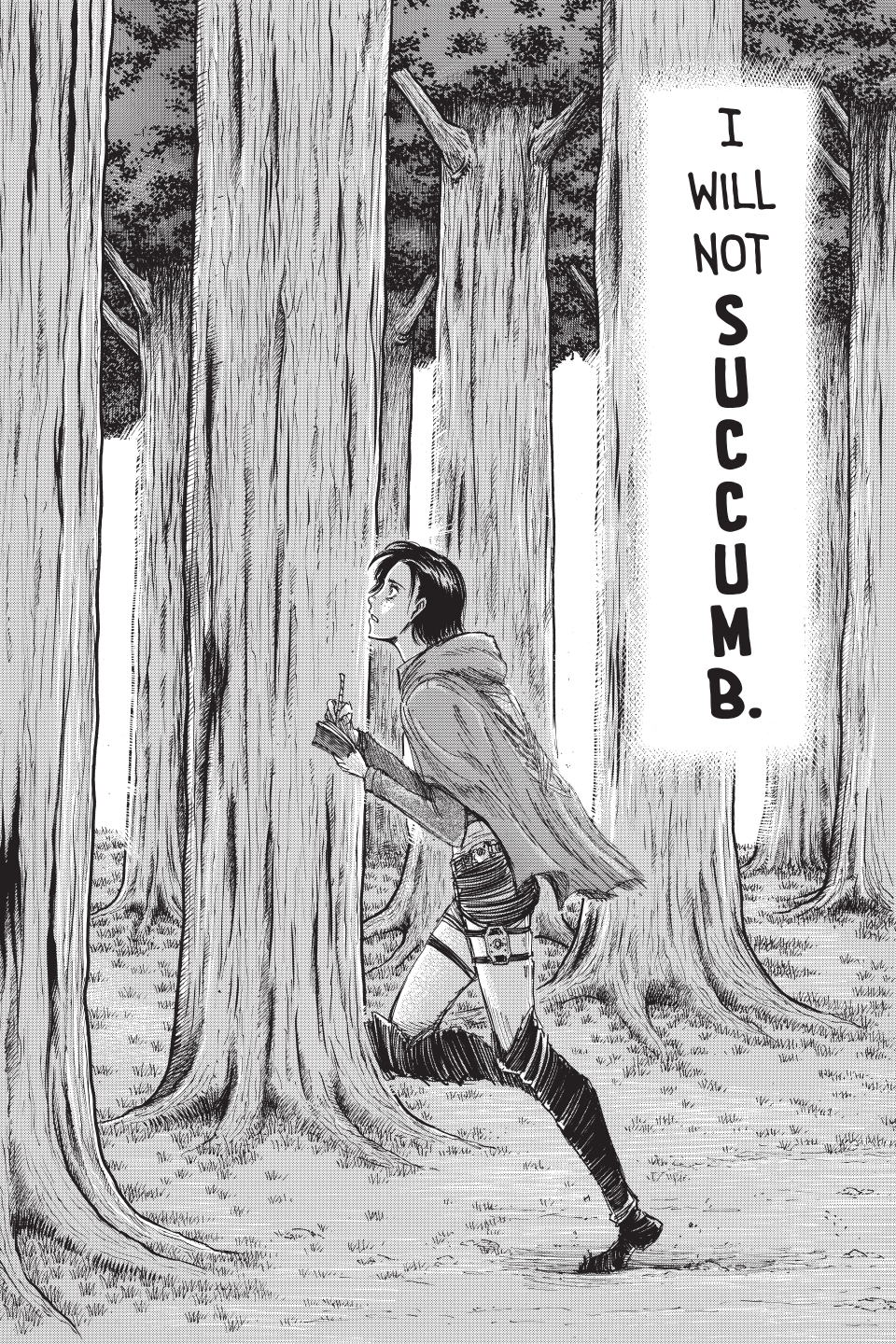
FWIP

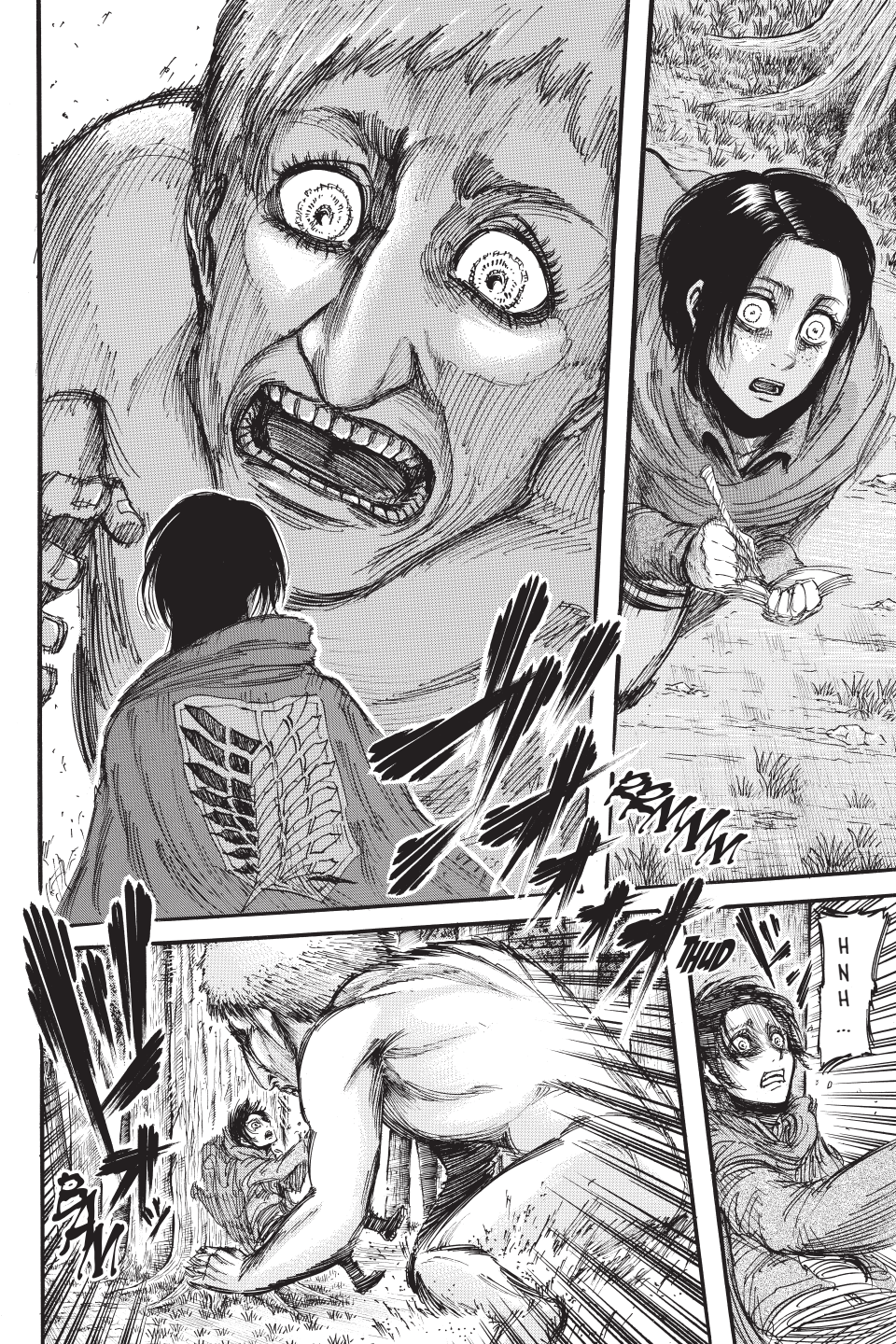
...AND RAN NORTH.
LOST SQUADMATES AND HORSES. ABANDONED MY BROKEN VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT...


I LOST MY HORSE OUTSIDE THE WALL IN TITAN-CONTROLLED TERRITORY.
AND HUMAN LEGS AREN'T FAST ENOUGH TO ESCAPE FROM A TITAN.


PROSPECTS OF RETURN ...
... AND SURVIVAL SEEM HOPELESS.

I'VE BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS SITUATION SINCE I APPLIED TO THE SURVEY CORPS.
YES... THIS IS NO TIME TO GIVE IN TO FEAR.
STILL... I MAY MAKE IT BACK TO THE WALL, IF I DON'T ENCOUNTER ANY TITANS.
EVEN IF IT MEANS LAYING DOWN OUR LIVES, WE FIGHT TO THE END.
I AM A MEMBER OF THE SURVEY CORPS, THE WINGS OF HUMANITY. WE DO NOT FEAR DEATH.
I WILL RECORD WHAT HAPPENS TO ME ON THIS PAPER, AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN. I WILL NOT SUCCUMB.
I HAVE NO WEAPONS, BUT I CAN STILL FIGHT.

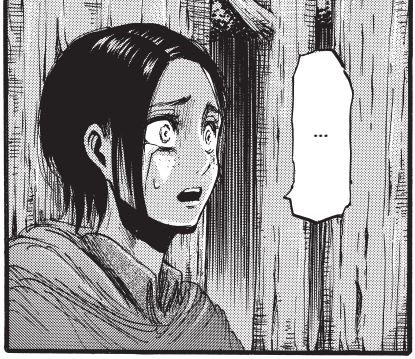

I WILL NOT SUCCUMB.


RRMM
THUD
HNH...

HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HEFF
HEFF
HEFF
I...
SHIVER SHIVER
I... I... WILL NOT... SUCCUMB ...
SHIVER SHIVER
TITAN ENCOUNTER-ED.

NGH...
6-METER* CLASS... IT DOESN'T EAT ME RIGHT AWAY...
LIKELY AN ABNORMAL ...
* ABOUT 20 FEET.
THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR ME.
I'VE DONE ONLY WHAT I WANTED TO DO... HAVEN'T GIVEN ANYTHING BACK TO MY PARENTS...
I FEEL SICK.
OOH ... OOH ...
IT'S OVER.
...A SUB... JECT ...
...OF... Y... MIR...

RUSTLE
...
DID YOU JUST ...
LADY ...
... YMIR ...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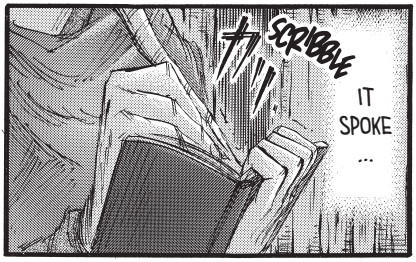
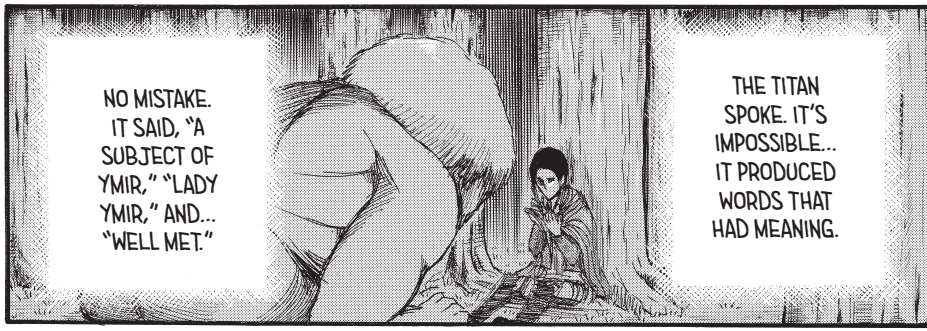
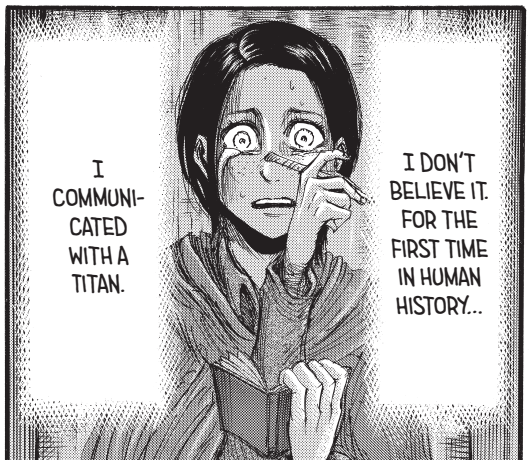
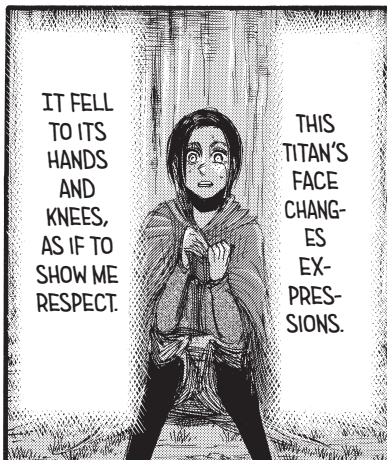
WELL
...
MET
...

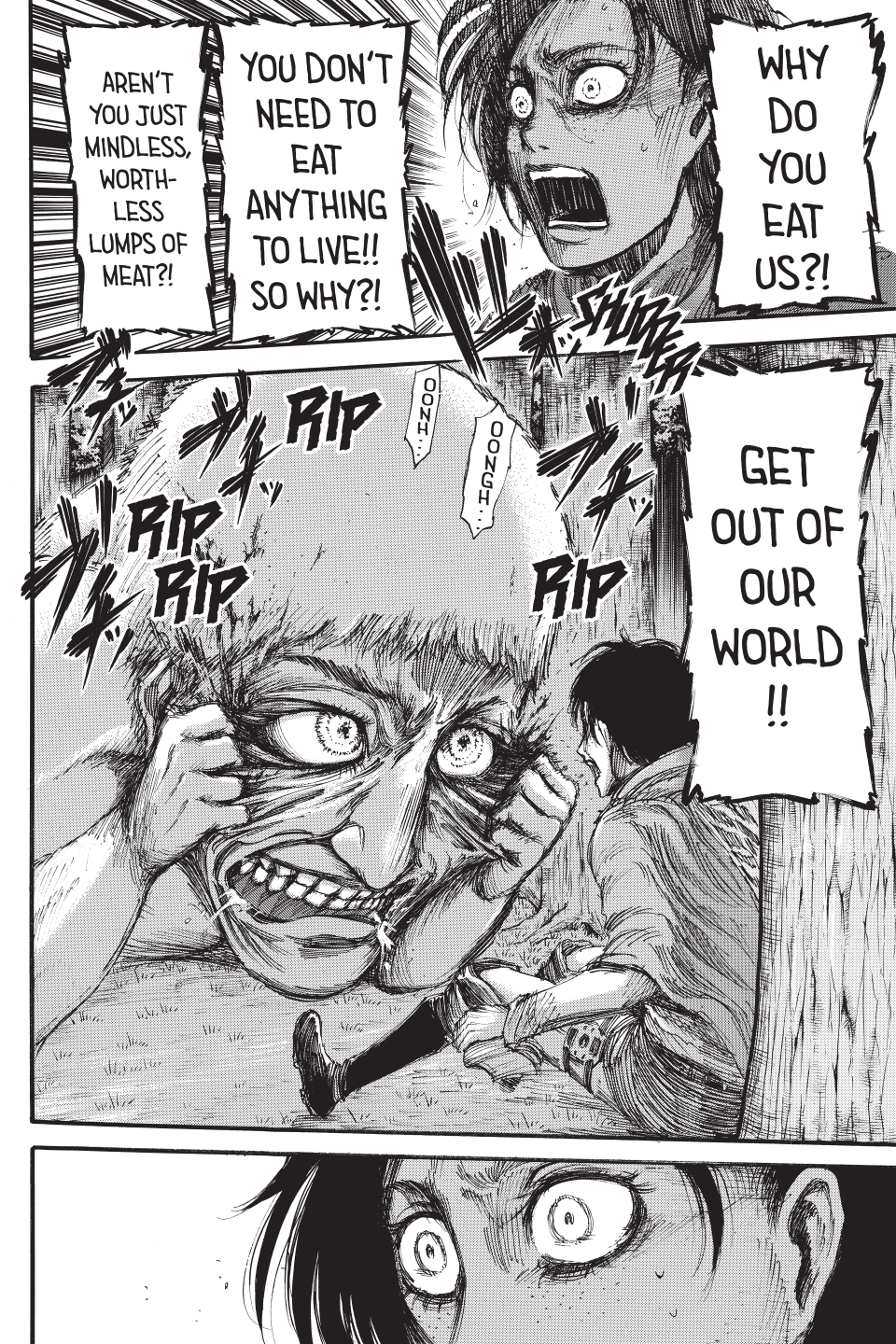

SCRIBBLE
IT SPOKE
...


NO MISTAKE. IT SAID, "A SUBJECT OF YMIR," "LADY YMIR," AND... "WELL MET."
THE TITAN SPOKE. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE... IT PRODUCED WORDS THAT HAD MEANING.


I COMMUNI-CATED WITH A TITAN.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HUMAN HISTORY...


IT FELL TO ITS HANDS AND KNEES, AS IF TO SHOW ME RESPECT.
THIS TITAN'S FACE CHANG-ES EX-PRES-SIONS.

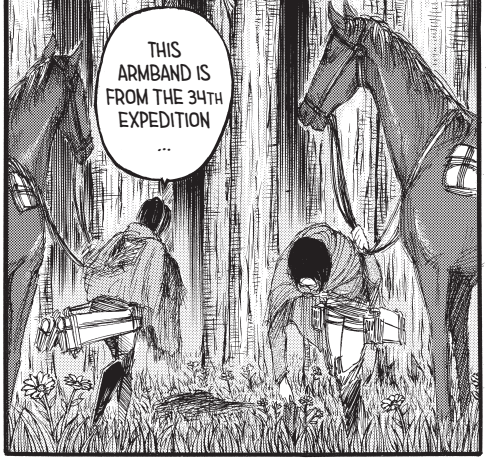
ASKED THE TITAN ABOUT ITS NATURE.
W-WHAT ARE YOU?
OONH...
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
ASKED ABOUT ITS ORIGINS.
IT DIDN'T FORM WORDS.
OONH...
OONH...
IT MOANED.
ASKED ABOUT ITS PURPOSE.
WHY DO YOU EAT US?
OONH...
NO RESPONSE.
OONH...

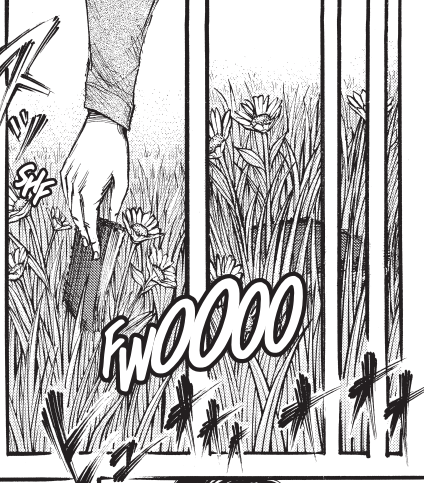

WHY DO YOU EAT US?!
YOU DON'T NEED TO EAT ANYTHING TO LIVE!! SO WHY?!
AREN'T YOU JUST MINDLESS, WORTH-LESS LUMPS OF MEAT?!
GET OUT OF OUR WORLD!!
OONGH...
OONH...
RIP
RIP
RIP
RIP

RUSTLE
WHAT ...?!
WHAT IS IT ?!
RIP
RIP
RIP
WHA ...?
OOH
OOOH
WHY ?!
WHAT HAP- PENED ...?!
TAK
TAK
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
WHUMP
WHUMP

BOOM
SHUDDER
EEE!!
AAAH!
SHUDDER
AAAHH!

NGH!
CRUNCH
...
FMGH
...
SNAP
...
CRACK
...
SNAP


THIS ARMBAND IS FROM THE 34TH EXPEDITION ...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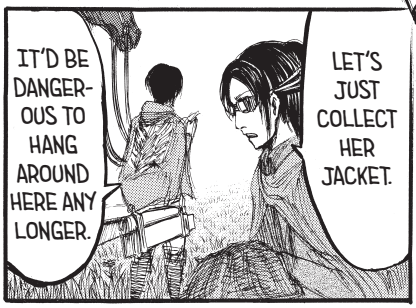
IT'D BE DANGER-OUS TO HANG AROUND HERE ANY LONGER.
LET'S JUST COLLECT HER JACKET.

ILSE LANGNAR.
THEN THIS SOLDIER DIED A YEAR AGO... NAMED...

...IS WHAT ILSE LANGNAR DIED FOR.
THIS...

WHAT'S THAT?
LEVI?

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THE INTERIOR WAS IN A STATE OF CONFUSION, JUST LIKE FIVE YEARS AGO.
THE COLOSSUS TITAN HAD DESTROYED THE SOUTHERN GATE OF TROST DISTRICT...
AND TROST DISTRICT WAS TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED BY TITANS...
...BUT A DO-OR-DIE OPERATION TO TAKE BACK THE TERRITORY HAS SUCCEEDED, AND THE GATE WAS SEALED.
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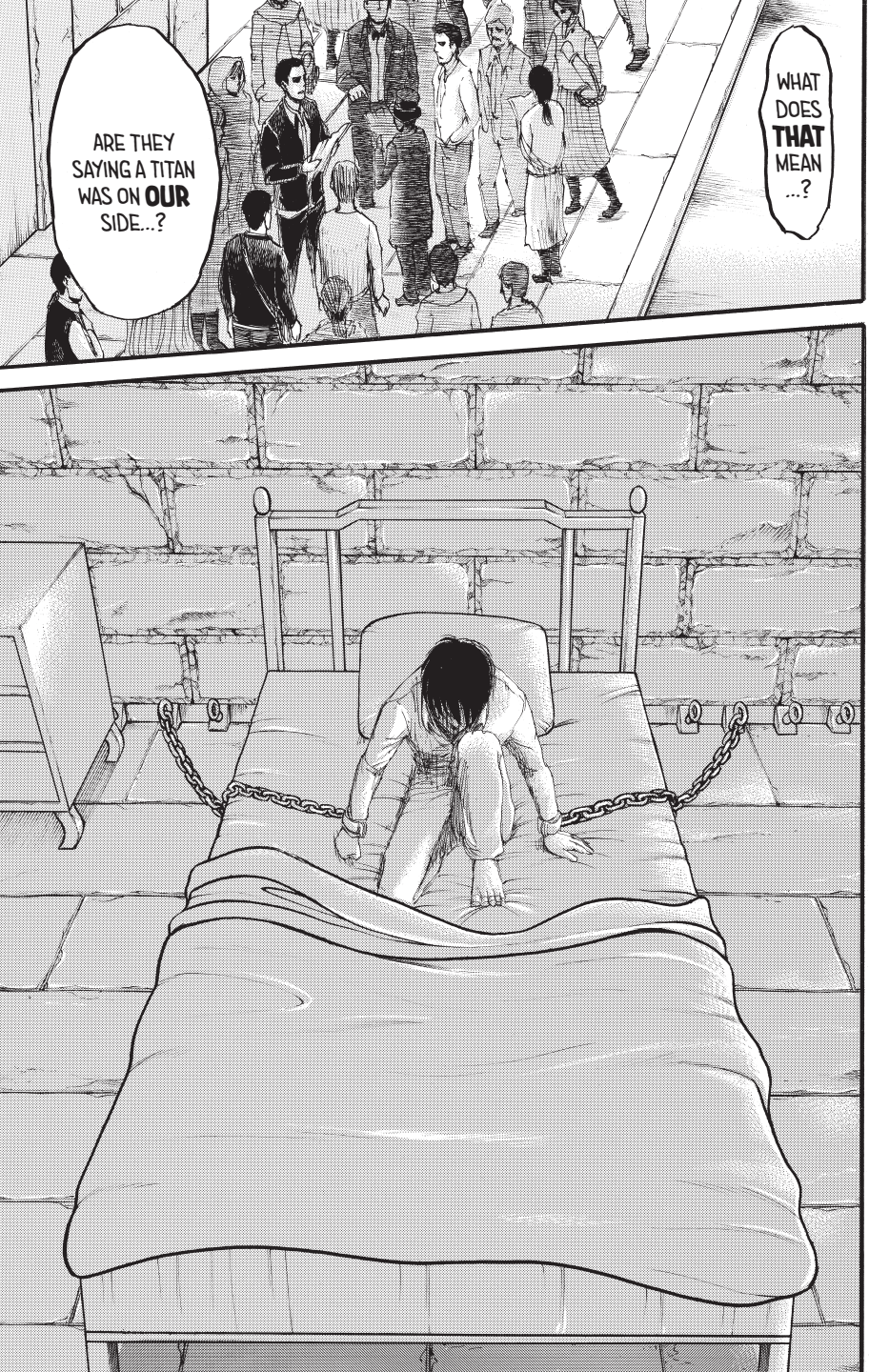
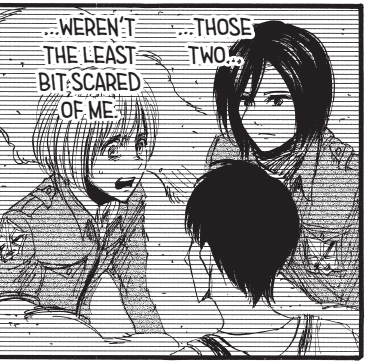
THE TITANS STILL INSIDE TROST DISTRICT ARE NOW BEING HUNTED DOWN...
THE WALL WAS "SEALED?" HOW'D THEY MANAGE THAT?!
OF COURSE, IT'S ALL LIES! THIS IS ROYAL PROPA-GANDA.
THEY'RE SPREADING THOSE LIES AROUND TO KEEP US COMMONERS IN THE INTERIOR IN THE DARK!
THE BASTARDS FROM OUTSIDE THE WALL ARE ALREADY RUSHING THROUGH WALL SHEENA!
MURMUR
TERRIBLE NEWS FROM THE MER-CHANTS!
THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION? CAN WE BELIEVE INFORMATION THAT ISN'T CERTIFIED BY THE MONARCHY?!
AND WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE THE MONARCHY'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT?!
H-HEY... WHAT THE HELL DOES THIS MEAN...?
IT SAYS... A TITAN SEALED UP THE GATE...
...WITH A BOULDER!


ARE THEY SAYING A TITAN WAS ON **OUR** SIDE...?
WHAT DOES **THAT** MEAN ...?

CLANG
...
HUFF...
HEY.
SOME WATER, PLEASE.
...
YOU JUST WENT!
EXCUSE ME.
I NEED TO USE THE TOILET
...
...
REMEMBER YOUR PLACE...
...YOU MONSTER.
OF COURSE, HE ISN'T WRONG...
MONSTER, HUH...?

WELL, I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE... I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF.

...BUT AM I SO TERRIFYING THAT THEY HAD TO SHACKLE ME LIKE THIS?


...WEREN'T THE LEAST BIT SCARED OF ME.
...THOSE TWO...

COME TO THINK OF IT...

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST BE HAPPY THEY HAVEN'T KILLED ME.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHERS...?
WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW...?

WE'LL TRY TO SPEAK TO SOME-ONE.
PLEASE ENDURE THIS FOR JUST A WHILE LONGER.
WHAT WOULD ALL OF THEM THINK IF THEY SAW ME NOW?
WHAT'S HAPPENING OUTSIDE...? DON'T TELL ME...
HOW MANY DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN?
KACHA
...I'M GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN HERE...?
CREAK
!
COP
COP

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN FINALLY GET OUT OF HERE.
EREN, I'M SORRY ...
WE KEPT YOU WAIT-ING.
...!
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
... AND HE'S ...
I'M ZOË HANGE, A SQUAD LEADER IN THE SURVEY CORPS...

HE'S MIKE ZACHARIAS, ALSO A SQUAD LEADER.
...
SNIFF SNIFF
U-UM ...
SNIFF SNIFF
...
HE ALWAYS SMELLS PEOPLE WHEN HE FIRST MEETS THEM...
...
...AND THEN SNEERS.
HMM
!
SNK
OH!
?
BELIEVE ME, HIS SKILL AS A SQUAD LEADER OUTWEIGHS HIS QUIRKS...
IT PROBABLY DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING.

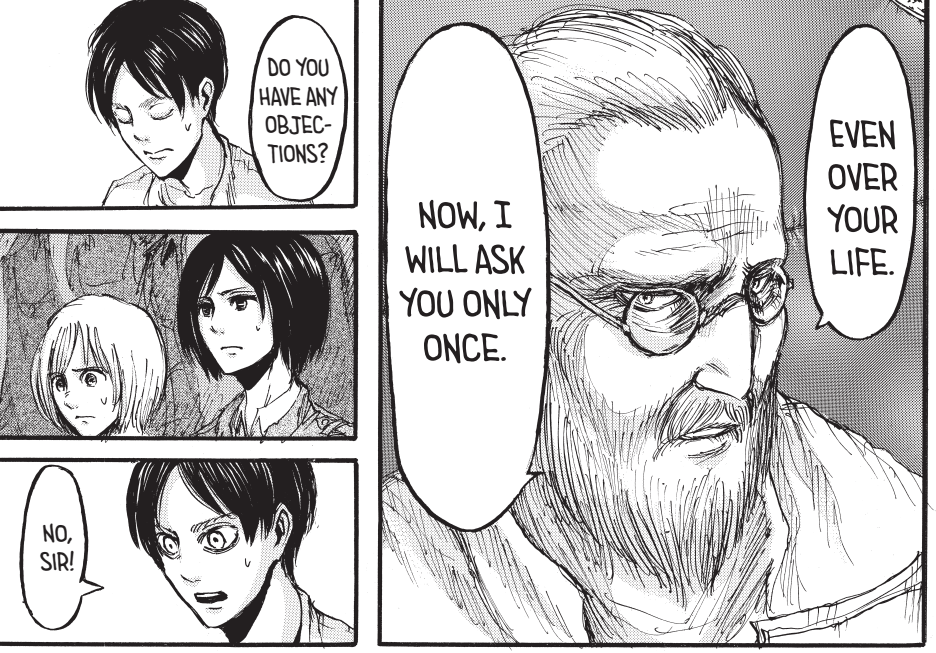
SORRY... I TALK TOO MUCH.
THIS IS IT ALREADY. ...BUT DON'T WORRY!
HUH ?
AC-TUALLY, MAYBE IT'S BETTER THAT I DIDN'T EXPLAIN.
KACHA
JUST TELL THEM EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL.
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T SAY THIS...
...BUT ALL WE CAN DO IS BELIEVE IN YOU.

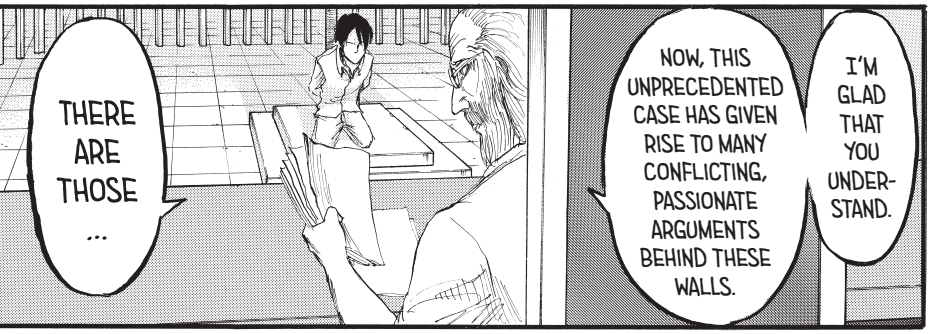
I'VE BEEN IN THE DUNGEON BELOW THE COURT-ROOM ALL THIS TIME...?

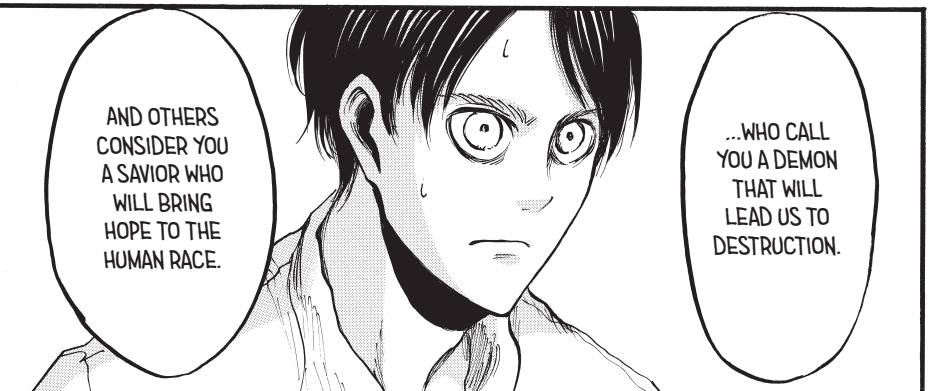
A COURT-ROOM ?!
...

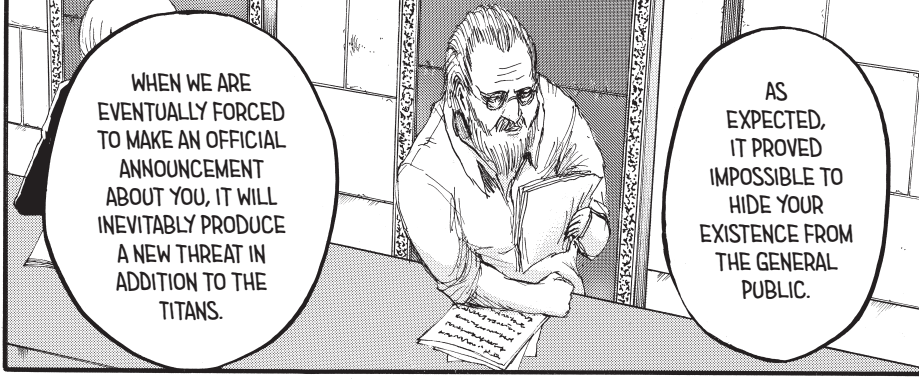
KACHA
KEEP WALKING, SLOWLY.
...
CLANG
GET DOWN THERE.
HM ...?!
... CAPTAIN LEVI...
COMMANDER ERWIN ...
COMMANDER PIXIS...
THE LEADER OF THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE ...

YOU'RE HERE...
RATTLE
WELL... LET'S BEGIN.
AS A SOLDIER, YOU'VE PLEDGED YOUR LIFE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC. CORRECT?
YOU ARE EREN YEAGER, YES?
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DARIUS ZACKLY...
THAT MAN'S THE HEAD OF ALL THREE MILITARY BRANCHES...
ULTIMATE AUTHORITY HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO ME...
REGULAR LAW CANNOT APPLY IN THESE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THEREFORE, THIS WILL BE A MILITARY TRIBUNAL.
WHAT AM I ON TRIAL FOR?
WAIT A SECOND...
YES, SIR...

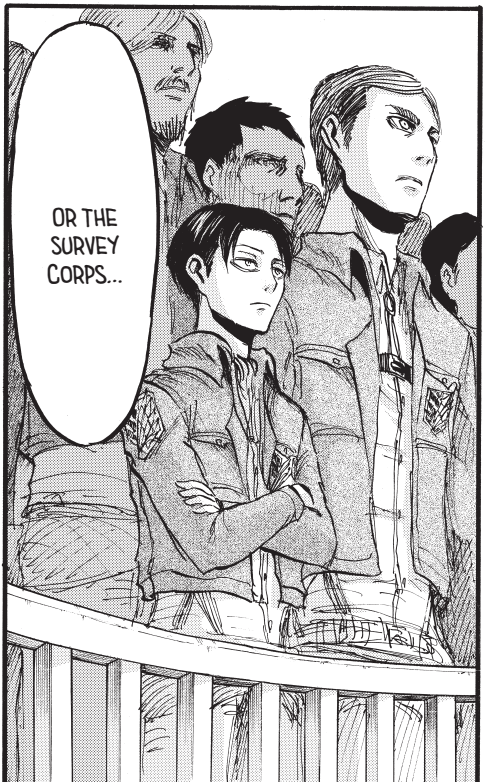

DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJEC-TIONS?
NO, SIR!
NOW, I WILL ASK YOU ONLY ONCE.
EVEN OVER YOUR LIFE.


THERE ARE THOSE ...
NOW, THIS UNPRECEDENTED CASE HAS GIVEN RISE TO MANY CONFLICTING, PASSIONATE ARGUMENTS BEHIND THESE WALLS.
I'M GLAD THAT YOU UNDER-STAND.


AND OTHERS CONSIDER YOU A SAVIOR WHO WILL BRING HOPE TO THE HUMAN RACE.
...WHO CALL YOU A DEMON THAT WILL LEAD US TO DESTRUCTION.

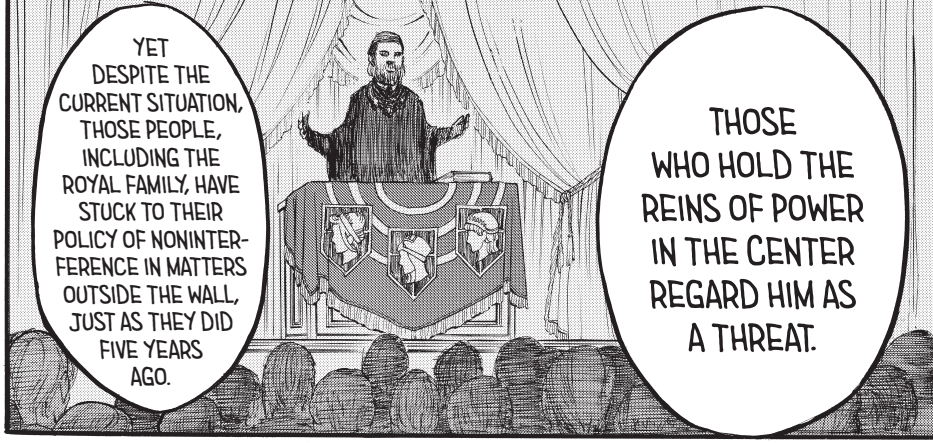

WHEN WE ARE EVENTUALLY FORCED TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT YOU, IT WILL INEVITABLY PRODUCE A NEW THREAT IN ADDITION TO THE TITANS.
AS EXPECTED, IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO HIDE YOUR EXISTENCE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

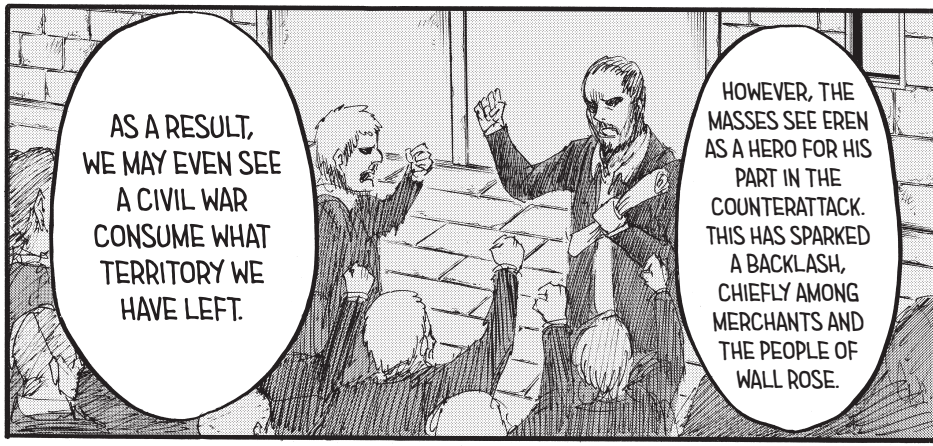
THAT DECISION WILL DETERMINE HOW YOU ARE DEALT WITH.
WE'RE HERE TO DECIDE WHICH BRANCH OF THE MILITARY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIVITIES.

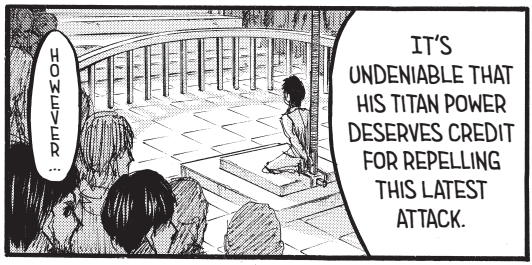

OR THE SURVEY CORPS...

THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE ...

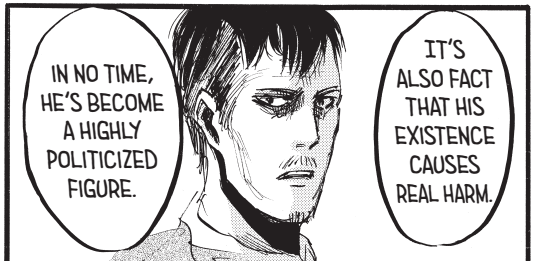
... AND WE BE- LIEVE ...
I AM CHIEF NILE DOK OF THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE...
WE'LL HEAR FROM THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE FIRST.
...AFTER WHICH IT SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF WITHOUT DELAY.
...THAT EREN'S BODY SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY EXAMINED...
...LED US TO THIS CONCLUSION.
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE GRAVE DAMAGE THAT VALIDATING HIS EXISTENCE WOULD CAUSE...


YET DESPITE THE CURRENT SITUATION, THOSE PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE ROYAL FAMILY, HAVE STUCK TO THEIR POLICY OF NONINTERFERENCE IN MATTERS OUTSIDE THE WALL, JUST AS THEY DID FIVE YEARS AGO.
THOSE WHO HOLD THE REINS OF POWER IN THE CENTER REGARD HIM AS A THREAT.

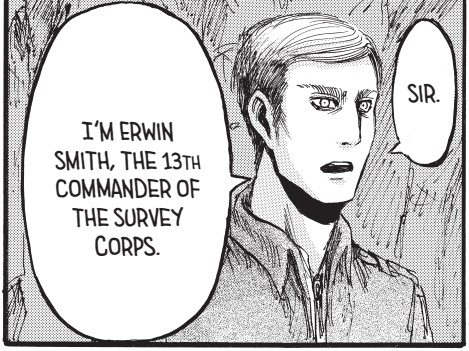

AS A RESULT, WE MAY EVEN SEE A CIVIL WAR CONSUME WHAT TERRITORY WE HAVE LEFT.
HOWEVER, THE MASSES SEE EREN AS A HERO FOR HIS PART IN THE COUNTERATTACK. THIS HAS SPARKED A BACKLASH, CHIEFLY AMONG MERCHANTS AND THE PEOPLE OF WALL ROSE.

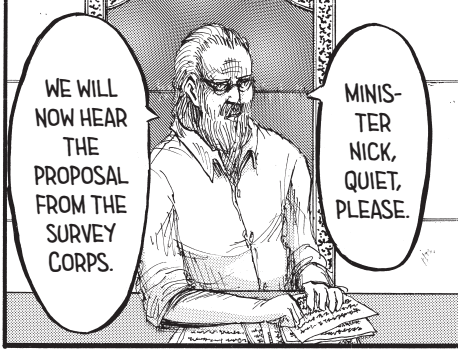

HOWEVER ...
IT'S UNDENIABLE THAT HIS TITAN POWER DESERVES CREDIT FOR REPELLING THIS LATEST ATTACK.

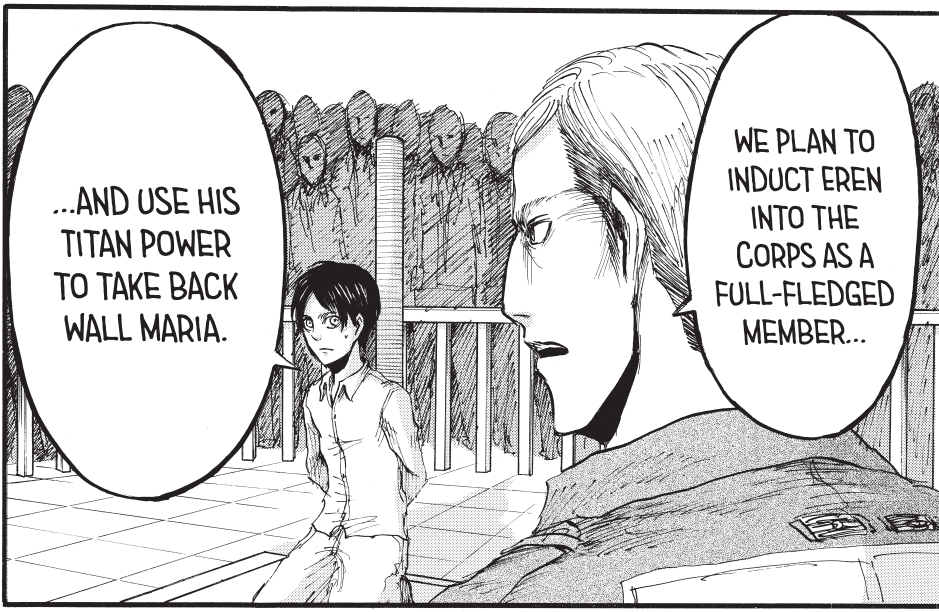
A HERO ?!
WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING OUT THERE ...?

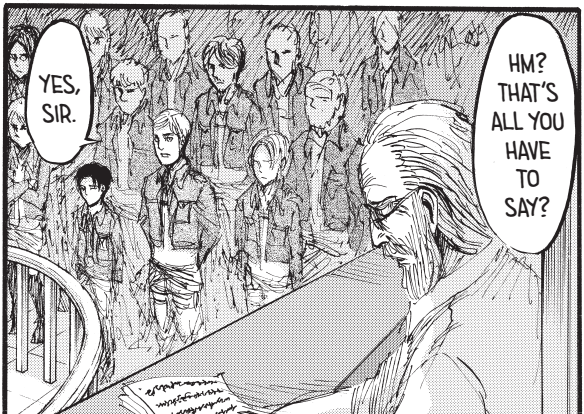

IN NO TIME, HE'S BECOME A HIGHLY POLITICIZED FIGURE.
IT'S ALSO FACT THAT HIS EXISTENCE CAUSES REAL HARM.

...
THEREFORE, AFTER WE EXTRACT AS MUCH INFORMATION AS WE CAN FROM HIM...
...WE WILL TURN HIM INTO A MARTYR FOR THE HUMAN RACE.
!
THAT ISN'T NECES-SARY!
HE IS A PEST THAT CIRCUM-VENTED THE DIVINE PROTECTION OF THE WALL THROUGH TRICKERY!
HE SHOULD BE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY!
WHAT WAS IT CALLED...? THE CHURCH, OR SOMETHING...?
IT'S FROM THE GROUP THAT STARTED GAINING FOLLOWERS FIVE YEARS AGO...
! ...THAT UNIFORM...


I'M ERWIN SMITH, THE 13TH COMMANDER OF THE SURVEY CORPS.
SIR.


WE WILL NOW HEAR THE PROPOSAL FROM THE SURVEY CORPS.
MINISTER NICK, QUIET, PLEASE.


...AND USE HIS TITAN POWER TO TAKE BACK WALL MARIA.
WE PLAN TO INDUCT EREN INTO THE CORPS AS A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER...


YES, SIR.
HM? THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?

!
THAT IS ALL.

...I SEE.
I BELIEVE OUR PRIORITIES ARE CLEAR.
WITH HIS STRENGTH, WE CAN RECOVER WALL MARIA.
YES... THAT GATE WILL NEVER OPEN AGAIN.
THE TROST DISTRICT WALL IS NOW COMPLETELY SEALED, IS IT NOT?
PIXIS ?
BY THE WAY, WHAT BASE DO YOU PLAN TO USE TO LAUNCH EXPEDITIONS OUTSIDE THE WALL GOING FORWARD?
...COM-PLETELY FROM SCRATCH.
WE NEED TO DEVELOP A NEW ROUTE TO SHIGAN-SHINA DISTRICT ...
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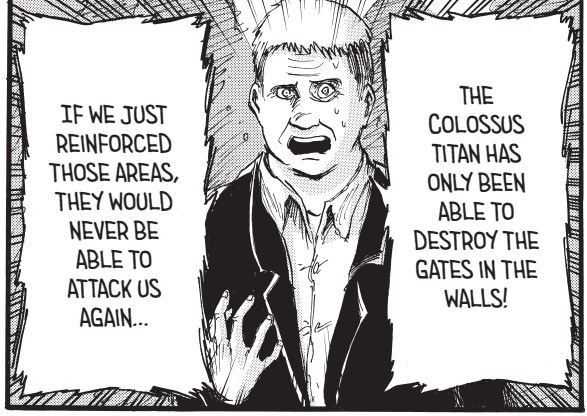
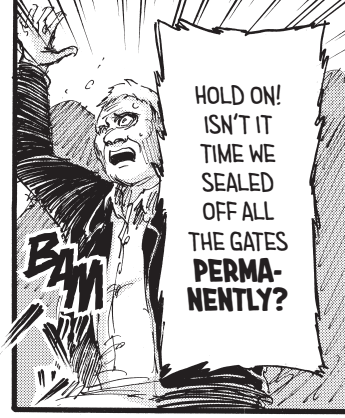
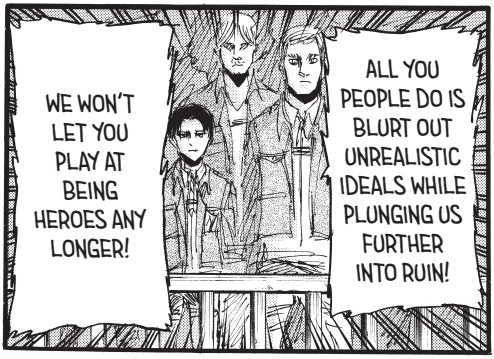
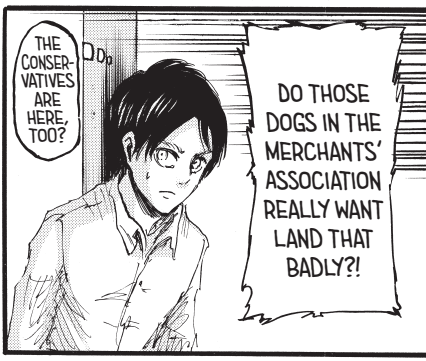
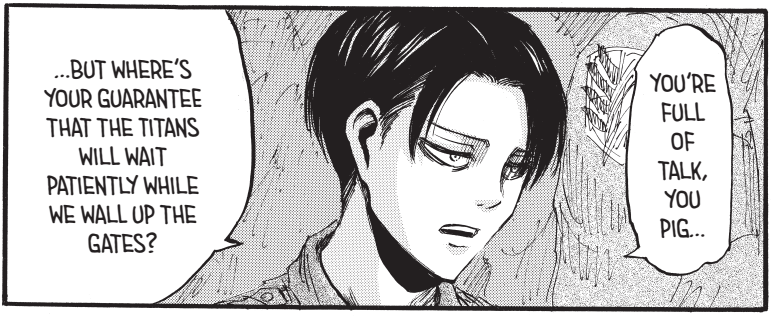
Shiganshina District
WE WISH TO SET OUT FROM EASTERN KARANES DISTRICT.


IF WE JUST REINFORCED THOSE AREAS, THEY WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO ATTACK US AGAIN...
THE COLOSSUS TITAN HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO DESTROY THE GATES IN THE WALLS!


HOLD ON! ISN'T IT TIME WE SEALED OFF ALL THE GATES PERMANENTLY?
BAM


WE WON'T LET YOU PLAY AT BEING HEROES ANY LONGER!
ALL YOU PEOPLE DO IS BLURT OUT UNREALISTIC IDEALS WHILE PLUNGING US FURTHER INTO RUIN!

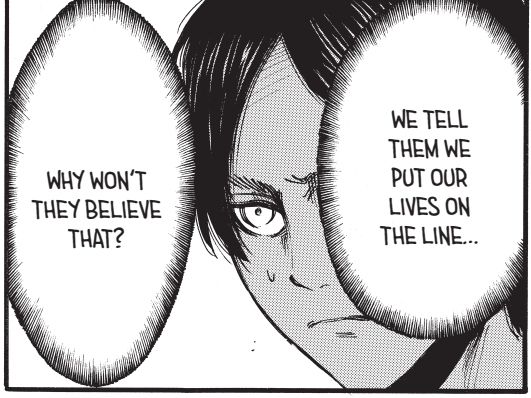

THE CONSERVATIVES ARE HERE, TOO?
DO THOSE DOGS IN THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION REALLY WANT LAND THAT BADLY?!

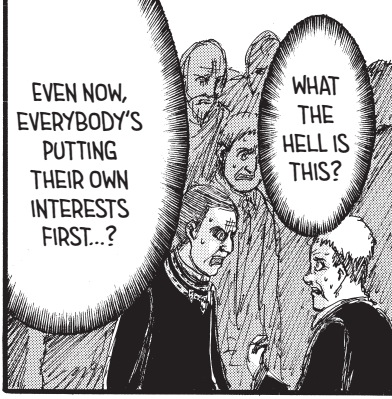

...BUT WHERE'S YOUR GUARANTEE THAT THE TITANS WILL WAIT PATIENTLY WHILE WE WALL UP THE GATES?
YOU'RE FULL OF TALK, YOU PIG...

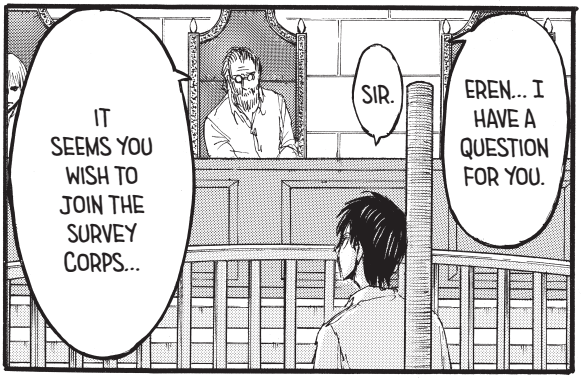
...

YOU PIGS TAKE NO NOTICE OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T EAT BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ENOUGH LAND!
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MY FRIENDS, WHO PROTECT YOU WHILE YOU GET FAT.
WHEN YOU SAY "WE,"

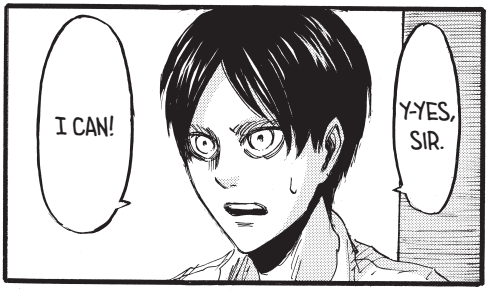
WHA ...?
A-ALL I SAID WAS THAT WE'D BE SAFE IF WE SEALED UP THE GATES...!
THAT'S ENOUGH, INSOLENT SCOUNDREL!
WALL ROSE WAS A GIFT FROM GOD...
DO YOU MEAN TO SAY HUMAN BEINGS SHOULD LAY A HAND ON IT?!
HOW CAN YOU FOOLS LOOK UPON THAT WALL, THAT DIVINE MASTER-PIECE BEYOND HUMAN KNOWLEDGE, AND STILL NOT COMPREHEND?!
THESE IDIOTS WERE WHY IT TOOK FOREVER TO GET CANNONS MOUNTED ON TOP OF THE WALLS...
WHAT THEY SAY IS NONSENSE, BUT THEY HAVE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AND INFLUENCE, WHICH MAKES THEM DANGEROUS.

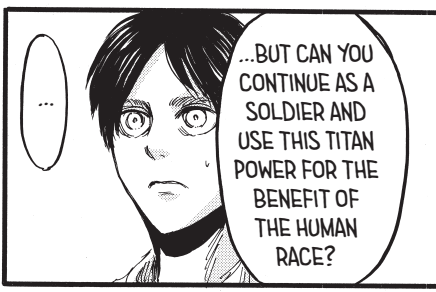

WHY WON'T THEY BELIEVE THAT?
WE TELL THEM WE PUT OUR LIVES ON THE LINE...

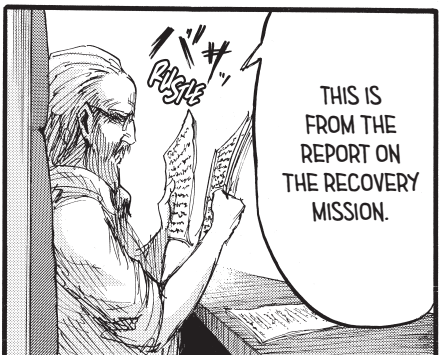

EVEN NOW, EVERYBODY'S PUTTING THEIR OWN INTERESTS FIRST...?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?


IT SEEMS YOU WISH TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...
SIR.
EREN... I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU.

NEXT ...
LET'S MOVE ON.


I CAN!
Y-YES, SIR.


...
...BUT CAN YOU CONTINUE AS A SOLDIER AND USE THIS TITAN POWER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HUMAN RACE?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THIS IS FROM THE REPORT ON THE RECOVERY MISSION.

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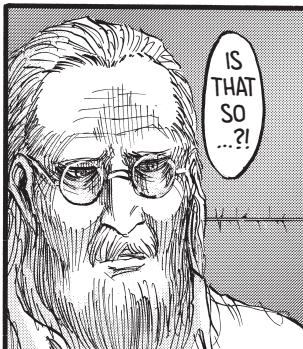
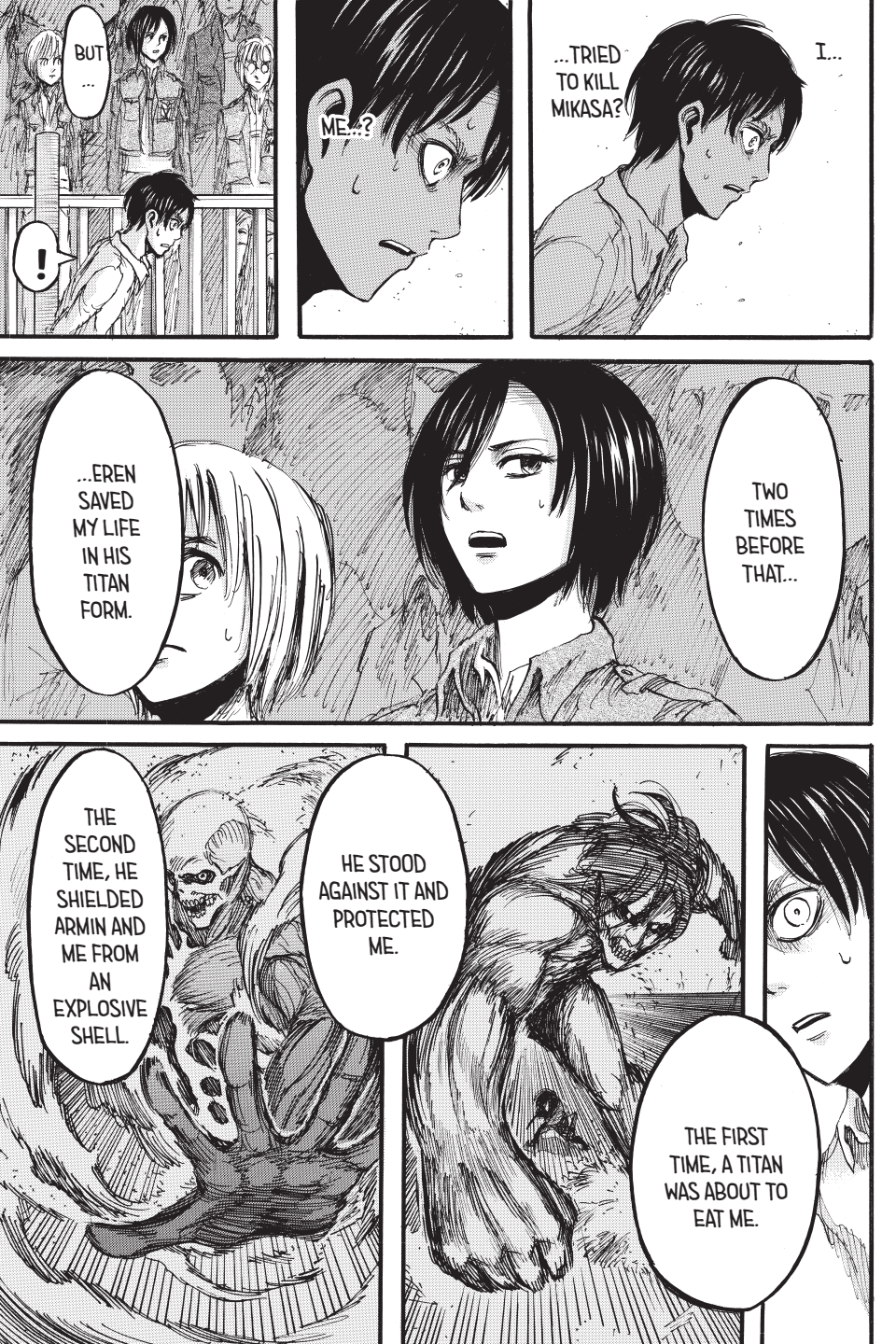

IS THAT SO ...?!

RIGHT AFTER BECOMING A TITAN... YOU SWUNG YOUR FIST THREE TIMES AT MIKASA ACKERMAN.
...
...
T C H.
I KNEW IT... HE DOESN'T REMEMBER NOT BEING IN CONTROL.
WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO, LIE IN THE REPORT?
COVERING UP THE TRUTH WOULDN'T DO HUMANITY ANY GOOD.

IS IT TRUE THAT EREN ATTACKED YOU?
SO YOU'RE MIKASA?
!
THAT'S ME, SIR...
WHERE IS MIKASA ACKER-MAN?
IF YOU DON'T ANSWER HONESTLY, IT'S NOT GOING TO HELP EREN.
... YES.
IT'S TRUE ...
GASP...
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS...


BUT ...
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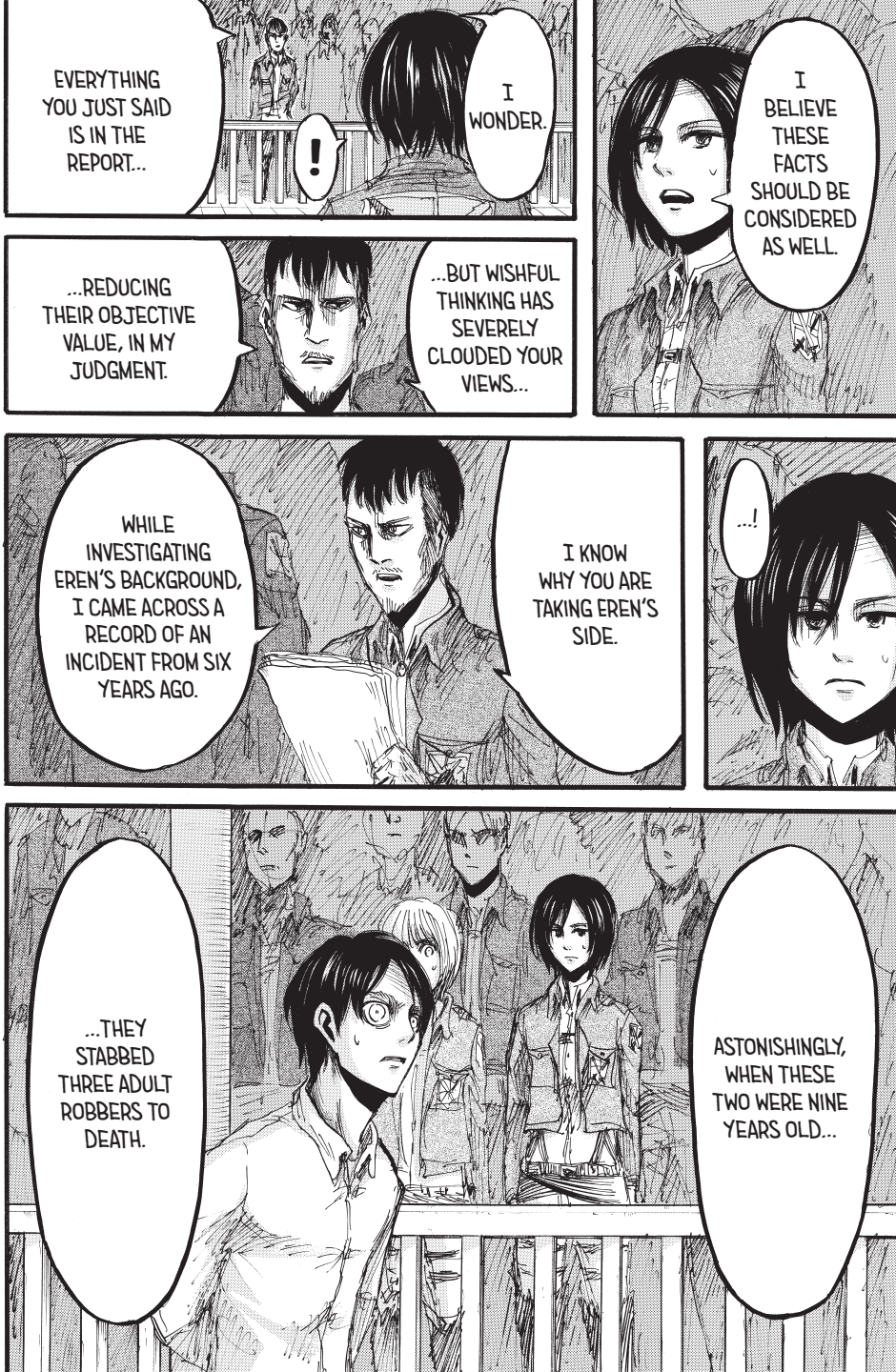
ME...?
...TRIED TO KILL MIKASA?
I...
...EREN SAVED MY LIFE IN HIS TITAN FORM.
TWO TIMES BEFORE THAT...
THE SECOND TIME, HE SHIELDED ARMIN AND ME FROM AN EXPLOSIVE SHELL.
HE STOOD AGAINST IT AND PROTECTED ME.
THE FIRST TIME, A TITAN WAS ABOUT TO EAT ME.

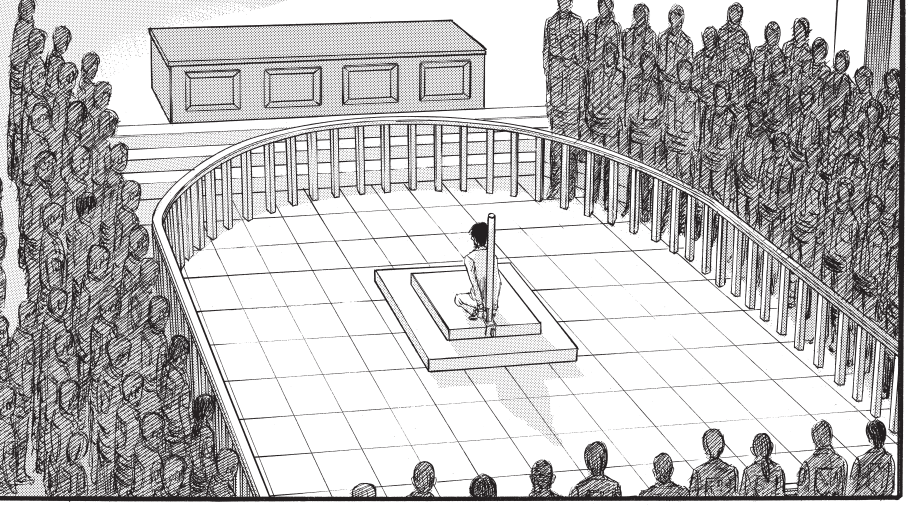

EVERYTHING YOU JUST SAID IS IN THE REPORT...
!
I WONDER.
I BELIEVE THESE FACTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS WELL.
...REDUCING THEIR OBJECTIVE VALUE, IN MY JUDGMENT.
...BUT WISHFUL THINKING HAS SEVERELY CLOUDED YOUR VIEWS...
WHILE INVESTIGATING EREN'S BACKGROUND, I CAME ACROSS A RECORD OF AN INCIDENT FROM SIX YEARS AGO.
I KNOW WHY YOU ARE TAKING EREN'S SIDE.
...!
...THEY STABBED THREE ADULT ROBBERS TO DEATH.
ASTONISHINGLY, WHEN THESE TWO WERE NINE YEARS OLD...

SHOULD WE ENTRUST HIM WITH THE LIVES, THE RESOURCES, AND THE VERY FATE OF THE HUMAN RACE?
...YET IT RAISES DOUBTS AS TO EREN'S BASIC HUMANITY.
MURMUR
THEIR ACTIONS ARE UNDERSTANDABLE. IT WAS LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE...
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
BUT IN THE END, HE COULDN'T HIDE HIS VIOLENT NATURE!
THAT'S RIGHT! HE MUST BE A TITAN THAT TOOK THE FORM OF A CHILD TO INFILTRATE OUR SOCIETY!
THOSE SHACKLES MEAN NOTHING!
HE'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF US, LIKE A POWDER KEG THAT COULD EXPLODE ANY MINUTE!
IS THIS ANY TIME TO BE HAVING A LEISURELY DEBATE?

HOW DO WE KNOW SHE'S HUMAN?
!!
THAT ONE, TOO!
UH-OH... I'D BETTER SAY SOMETHING, OR...
YEAH!
JUST IN CASE, WE SHOULD DISSECT THEM BOTH...
NO !!
I... I MEAN ...
YOU'RE WRONG...
I MAY BE A MONSTER...
...BUT MIKASA HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

SHE'S NOT INVOLVED.
AND WHAT'S MORE... EVERYONE'S JUST SAYING WHATEVER SPECULATION HAPPENS TO BE CONVENIENT TO THEM!
BUT ONCE YOU'VE CUT YOURSELVES OFF FROM REALITY, IT'S ALL POINTLESS!
WHAT ...?
HOW DARE YOU ...?
IS THIS... A BAD IDEA ...?
IN THE FIRST PLACE...
TH-THUMP
...YOU PEOPLE HAVE NEVER EVEN SEEN A TITAN, SO WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF?
TH-THUMP
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST SHUT UP...

NO ...
I'M GOING TO TELL THEM... EVERY-THING I'M THINKING ....
WHAT CAN WE DO WHEN THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE POWER DON'T FIGHT?
IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF FIGHTING FOR YOUR OWN LIVES, THEN PLEASE, HELP ME!
...I'LL TELL THESE COWARDS ...
YOU ... COWARDS ...
KACHA
JUST SHUT YOUR MOUTHS...
KACHA
...AND INVEST EVERY-THING IN ME!!



UH...
MURMUR
SIR!
STAND READY!
KACHA
ER...
SHIT...
WHAT HAVE I DONE?

CRACK

SOME-
THING
FLEW
OUT...
...?
TAK
WAS
THAT... A
TOOTH?
...MY
TOOTH?

!!
WHAM

GRACK
GSH
RRR !!
MIKA-SA !!
WAIT !!
...?!
GRAB
PAK

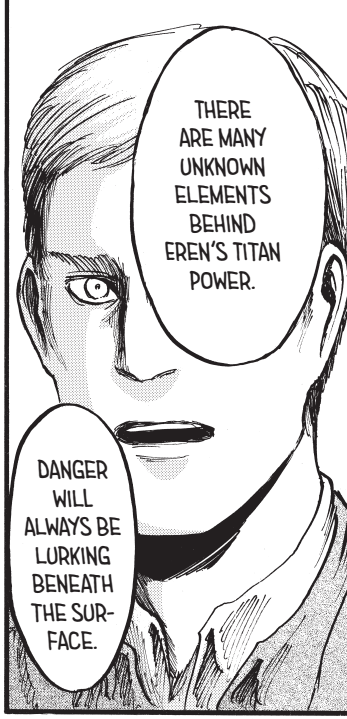
THIS IS JUST MY OPINION...
THUNK
GRIND
...BUT I'VE ALWAYS FOUND PAIN THE MOST EFFECTIVE PUNISH-MENT.

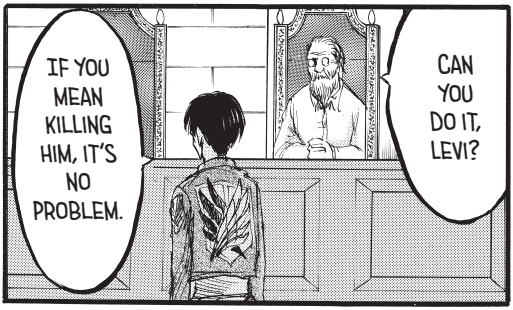
CAN'T BE TAUGHT WITH WORDS...
THE LESSON YOU NEED TO LEARN RIGHT NOW...
AND YOU'RE KNEELING, WHICH MAKES YOU EASY TO KICK.
...ONLY WITH ACTION.
STOMP
THUD

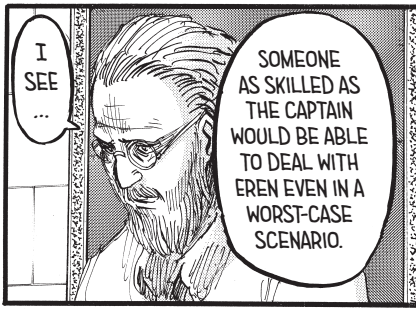
HUFF
HUFF
...!
... IT'S DAN-GER-OUS.
WHAT ...?
LEVI, WAIT ...
WHACK
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO WANT TO DISSECT HIM, RIGHT?
AHH
... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?
WHAT'LL WE DO IF YOU MAKE HIM MAD, AND HE TURNS INTO A TITAN?

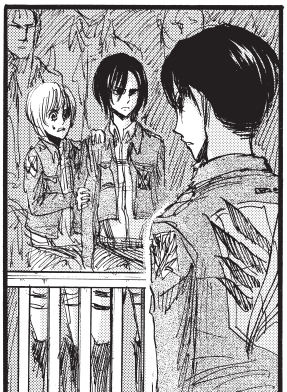
HEH
...
...
HE APPARENTLY KILLED 20 TITANS WHEN HE WAS A TITAN HIMSELF, STOPPING ONLY OUT OF EXHAUST-ION.
THE FACT THAT HE HAS INTELLIGENCE COULD MAKE HIM A FORMIDABLE ENEMY.
BUT HE'S NOT MY ENEMY ...
IS HE YOURS ?
EVERYONE WHO'S PERSECUTED HIM SHOULD THINK CAREFULLY, TOO.
I WONDER... COULD YOU REALLY KILL HIM?
MURMUR
COM-MANDER-IN-CHIEF... I HAVE A PRO-POSAL.

...I WOULD PAIR HIM UP WITH CAPTAIN LEVI AS A FAILSAFE.
THEREFORE, IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DECIDE TO PUT HIM UNDER OUR CONTROL...


THERE ARE MANY UNKNOWN ELEMENTS BEHIND EREN'S TITAN POWER.
DANGER WILL ALWAYS BE LURKING BENEATH THE SUR-FACE.


IF YOU MEAN KILLING HIM, IT'S NO PROBLEM.
CAN YOU DO IT, LEVI?


I SEE ...
SOMEONE AS SKILLED AS THE CAPTAIN WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH EREN EVEN IN A WORST-CASE SCENARIO.



...!
RATHER, THE PROBLEM IS THERE WOULD BE NO HALF-MEASURES ...

PLEASE, WAIT!
...!
I WILL NOW MAKE MY DECISION.
I SEE WE HAVE EXHAUSTED THIS LINE OF INQUIRY.
I DON'T TAKE THE PROBLEMS OF THE INTERIOR LIGHTLY.
I'M QUITE AWARE THAT OUR ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE WALL DEPEND ON THE STABILITY OF THE HUMAN RACE.
WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT THE INTERIOR ?!
ERWIN... I WANT TO ASK YOU.
I WOULD LIKE TO DECIDE HIS FUTURE BASED ON THOSE RESULTS.
...WE'LL PROVE THAT EREN IS A VALUABLE ASSET TO HUMANITY IN OUR NEXT EXPEDITION BEYOND THE WALL.
THAT TO CALM THE PUBLIC ...
SO, LET ME PRO-POSE ...

GOD WILLING, HE'LL DIE OUT THERE.
ANY-THING TO GET THEM OUT OF HERE NOW...
SO YOU'RE GOING OUTSIDE THE WALL...
I SEE ...
THEN IT'S SET-TLED.
...
...
EREN YEAGER IS PLACED IN THE CARE OF THE SURVEY CORPS.
HOWEVER, HE MAY RETURN HERE, DEPENDING ON HIS ACCOMPLISH-MENTS.

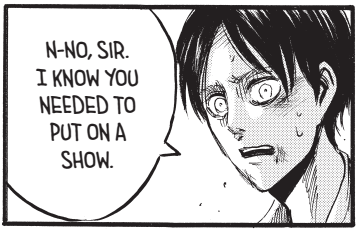
OWW!
SORRY ABOUT THAT...
AND THAT GAVE US THE PERFECT CHANCE TO PLAY THE CARD WE HAD UP OUR SLEEVE.
...
BELIEVE ME, IT WAS WORTH THE PAIN.
RIGHT ...
BUT YOU DID GET YOUR POINT ACROSS TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND OTHER VIPS, ANYWAY.
YOU HAVE MY RE-SPECT.

SIR.

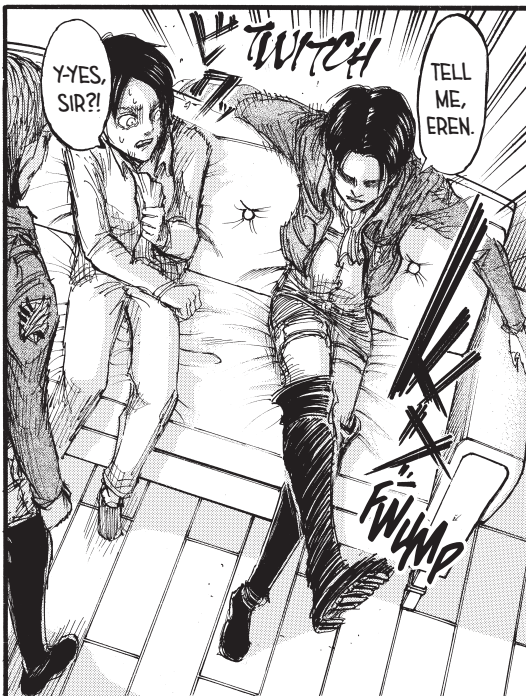
THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

DO YOU RESENT ME?


N-NO, SIR. I KNOW YOU NEEDED TO PUT ON A SHOW.

VERY WELL.


TWITCH
Y-YES, SIR?!
TELL ME, EREN.
FWMP

EREN, SHOW ME YOUR MOUTH.
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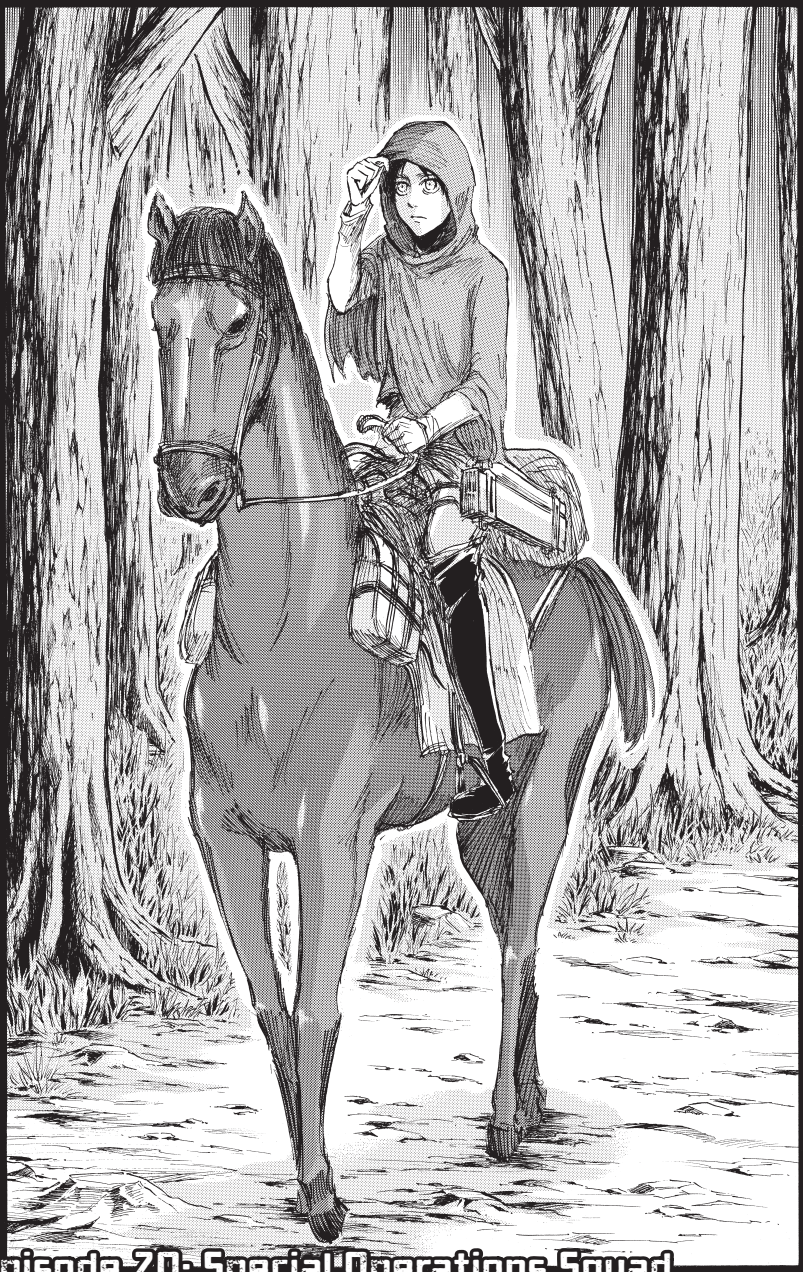
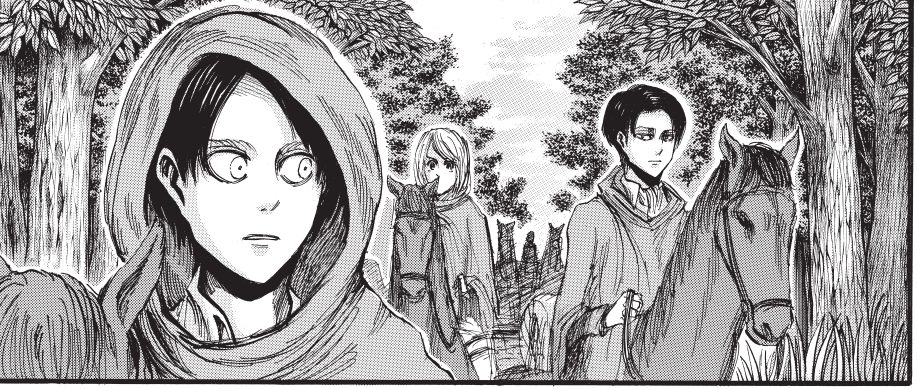
PAK
...
...!
... HUH ?
YOU COULD'VE SHOWN SOME RESTRAINT ...
HE BROKE A TOOTH!
LOOK!
I'D SAY THAT BEATS GETTING DISSECTED ANY DAY.
IT'S GROWING BACK...

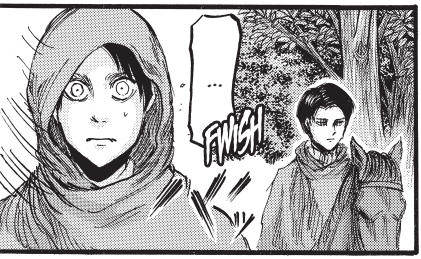
ATTACK
ON TITAN



Episode 20: Special Operations Squad

THE FORMER HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE SURVEY CORPS.
THE FACILITY IS NO MORE THAN AN OLD CONVERTED CASTLE. CHARMING IN ITS WAY, SURE...
...BUT AN HQ THIS FAR FROM BOTH THE WALL AND THE RIVER...
...WAS WORSE THAN USELESS TO THE SURVEY CORPS.
BACK THEN THE CORPS HAD JUST BEEN FORMED, AND THE SOLDIERS WERE STILL FULL OF AMBITION ...
WHO WOULD'VE FIGURED ...
...THAT THIS OVERSIZED DECORATION WOULD BE THE BEST PLACE TO KEEP YOU LOCKED UP?

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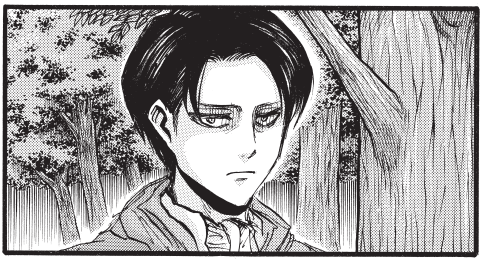
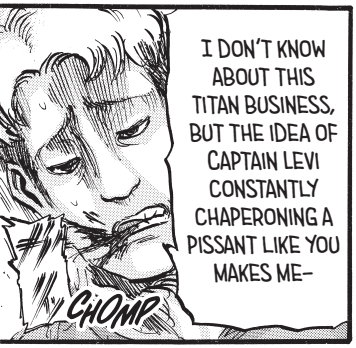
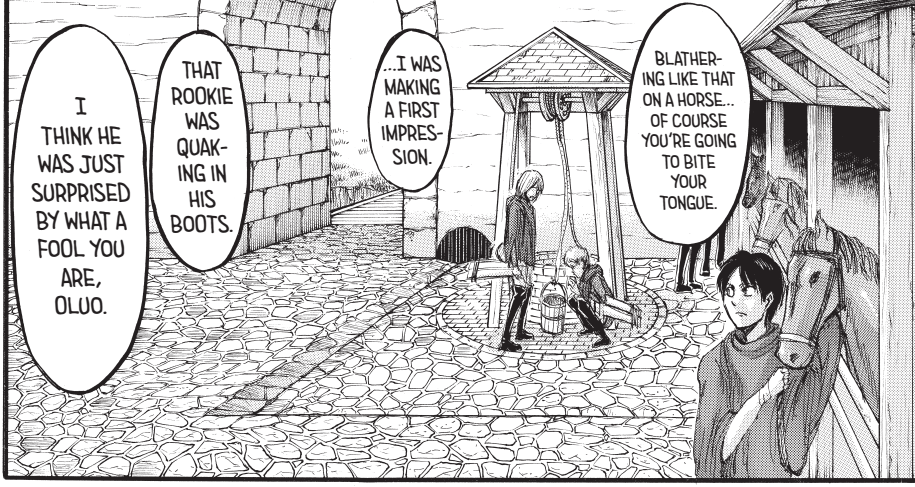
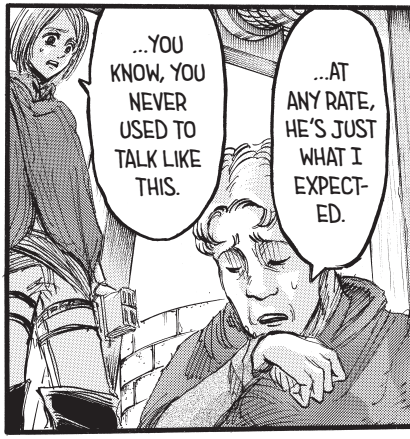


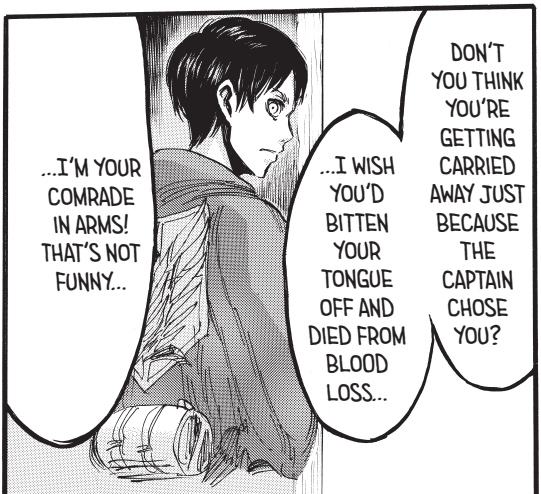

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS TITAN BUSINESS, BUT THE IDEA OF CAPTAIN LEVI CONSTANTLY CHAPERONING A PISSANT LIKE YOU MAKES ME—
CHOMP

EXCUSE ME?!
LEAN
DON'T GET COCKY, ROOKIE...


BLATHERING LIKE THAT ON A HORSE... OF COURSE YOU'RE GOING TO BITE YOUR TONGUE.
...I WAS MAKING A FIRST IMPRESSION.
THAT ROOKIE WAS QUAKING IN HIS BOOTS.
I THINK HE WAS JUST SURPRISED BY WHAT A FOOL YOU ARE, OLUO.

IF... AND THIS IS JUST A GUESS... BUT IF YOU ARE TRYING TO IMITATE CAPTAIN LEVI... JUST STOP IT, WOULD YOU?
I MEAN... YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN COMMON WITH HIM.


...AT ANY RATE, HE'S JUST WHAT I EXPECTED.
...YOU KNOW, YOU NEVER USED TO TALK LIKE THIS.


DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE GETTING CARRIED AWAY JUST BECAUSE THE CAPTAIN CHOSE YOU?
...I WISH YOU'D BITTEN YOUR TONGUE OFF AND DIED FROM BLOOD LOSS...
...I'M YOUR COMRADE IN ARMS! THAT'S NOT FUNNY...

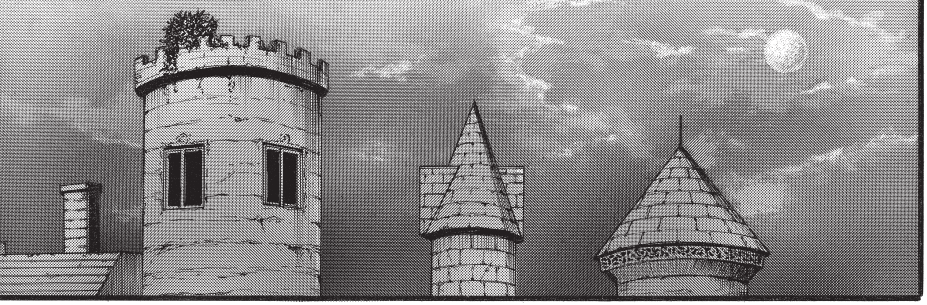
...!!
HEH... WHAT, ARE YOU TRYING TO REIN ME IN, PETRA? IF YOU WANNA ACT LIKE MY WIFE, THERE ARE A COUPLE STEPS YOU SKIPPED.

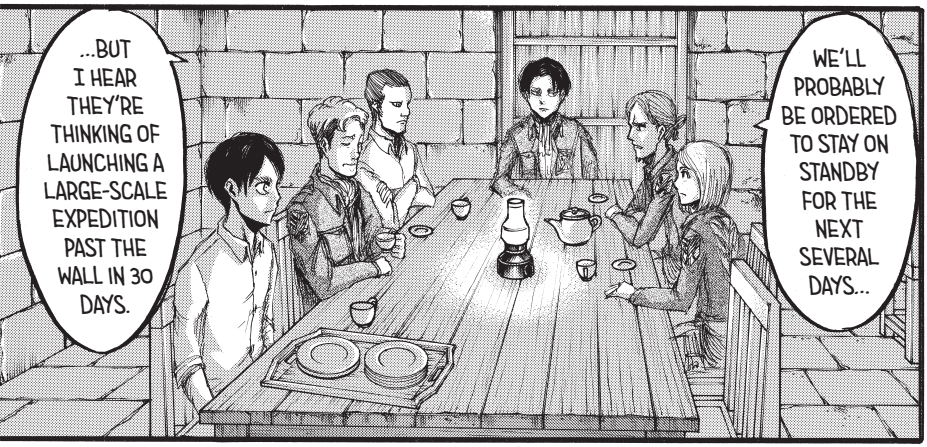
THE SURVEY CORPS SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUAD, COMMONLY CALLED "SQUAD LEVI." SO THIS IS WHERE THEY'VE ASSIGNED ME...
SO CAPTAIN LEVI HAND-PICKED EVERYONE HERE?
...THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO KILL ME.
IF I GO OUT OF CONTROL...
THEY'RE HERE TO RESTRAIN ME WHEN I USE MY TITAN POWER.
FIX IT UP IMMEDIATE-LY.
THAT'S A MAJOR PROBLEM ...
IT HASN'T BEEN USED IN A LONG TIME, SO IT'S KIND OF FALLEN INTO DIS-REPAIR.

TOP FLOOR IS CLEANED, SIR.
CLATTER
SIR, WHERE SHOULD I SLEEP IN THIS FACILITY?
YOUR ROOM IS THE BASEMENT.
THE BASE-MENT ... AGAIN ?
NATURALLY... YOU STILL CAN'T HOLD YOURSELF BACK.
IF YOU'RE UNDERGROUND, WE'LL BE ABLE TO RESTRAIN YOU EVEN IF YOU TURN INTO A TITAN WHILE SLEEPING.

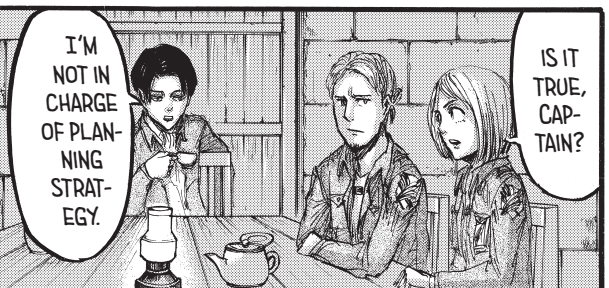
...
IT'S A RULE WE MUST FOLLOW.
THAT'S ONE OF THE CONDITIONS WE WERE GIVEN WHEN THEY PLACED YOU IN OUR CUSTODY.
TAK TAK カッ カッ
YES, SIR...
DO THIS ONE.
I'M GOING TO CHECK OUT THE ROOMS YOU CLEANED.
IT ISN'T AN UNUSUAL RE-ACTION.
SORRY ?
YOU LOOK DIS-APPOINT-ED.
...HIGH-STRUNG, ILL-MANNERED, AND UN-APPROACH-ABLE.
...IS UN-EX-PECT-EDLY SHORT ...
THE REAL CAPTAIN LEVI...
HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE PERFECT HERO THAT PEOPLE MAKE HIM OUT TO BE, DOES HE?

YOU THOUGHT BECAUSE HE CARRIES A LOT OF WEIGHT, THAT HE WOULDN'T BE CONCERNED WITH RANK OR THE COMMAND STRUCTURE?
RIGHT... I THOUGHT HE WOULDN'T TAKE ORDERS FROM ANYBODY...
...WAS HOW OBEDIENTLY HE ACCEPTS DECISIONS FROM ABOVE.
NO... WHAT TOOK ME BY SURPRISE ...
THE COM-MANDER DID?!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT SOME PEOPLE SAY COMMANDER ERWIN BROUGHT HIM INTO THE CORPS.
I HEARD THAT BEFORE CAPTAIN LEVI JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS, HE WAS A NOTORIOUS THUG IN THE CITY'S UNDERGROUND MARKET.
I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS... BUT I THINK HE USED TO BE PRETTY CLOSE TO THAT.
YOU CALL THAT CLEAN ?!
DO IT ALL AGAIN.
Y- YES, SIR !!
...
SLUSH SLUSH SLUSH SLUSH
TWITCH
HEY ... EREN.




...BUT I HEAR THEY'RE THINKING OF LAUNCHING A LARGE-SCALE EXPEDITION PAST THE WALL IN 30 DAYS.
WE'LL PROBABLY BE ORDERED TO STAY ON STANDBY FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS...

I BET THE BRATS WERE PARALYZED WITH FRIGHT.
THE RAW RECRUITS JUST WENT THROUGH A TITAN INVASION!
ISN'T IT A BIT TOO SOON?


I'M NOT IN CHARGE OF PLANNING STRATEGY.
IS IT TRUE, CAPTAIN?

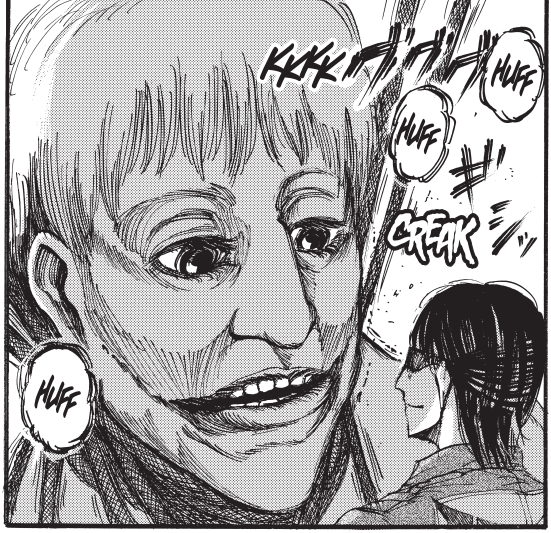
ELD... IS THAT TRUE?
AND THAT THEY'RE RUSHING TO PUT SOME RECENT GRADUATES IN THE MIX.

THAT'S HIS DEPARTMENT... HE'S GOT A LOT MORE TO THINK ABOUT THAN WE DO.
...BUT A COMPLETELY NEW HOPE HAS SPRUNG UP IN ITS PLACE.
ON ONE HAND, THE MARIA RECOVERY ROUTE THAT WE SACRIFICED SO MUCH TO BUILD WAS SEALED OFF IN AN INSTANT...
THAT'S TRUE... THE CIRCUM-STANCES HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH.
...BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU "BECOME" A TITAN, EREN?
...IT'S STILL HARD TO BELIEVE ...
...

...MY MEMORIES OF IT AREN'T REALLY CLEAR...
...BUT IT'S LIKE I LOSE TRACK OF MYSELF.
I DO KNOW THAT THE TRIGGER IS SELF-INFLICTED PAIN. I BITE MY HAND LIKE...
HUH?
COME TO THINK OF IT, HOW DID I KNOW TO DO THAT?
I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL AWARE, BUT...
...YOU MAY NOT ASK HIM ANY-THING PAST WHAT'S IN THE REPORT.
AL-THOUGH I DOUBT SHE'LL KEEP HER MOUTH SHUT.
CRICK
IF SHE SCREWS UP WHILE POKING AND PRODDING YOU, IT MAY BE THE DEATH OF YOU, EREN.
EH...?
SHE...?
HI THERE, SQUAD LEVI!
KA-CHA
IS THE CASTLE COMFORT-ABLE?
HER.

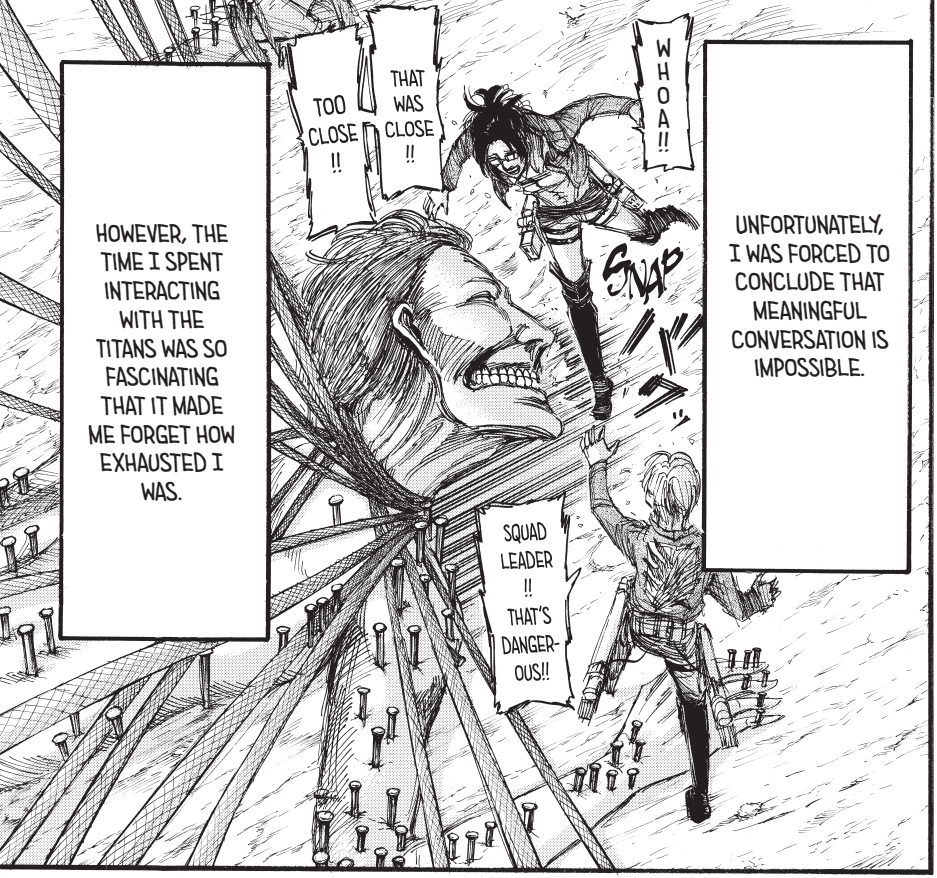
I STOPPED BY TO GET PERMISS-ION.
AND I'D LIKE YOU TO ASSIST ME WITH MY EXPERIMENT TOMORROW, EREN.
SQUAD LEADER HANGE.
I'M CURRENTLY HANDLING THE EXAMINATION OF THE TWO TITANS THAT WERE CAPTURED IN TOWN.
CREAK
EX-PERI-MENT ...?
WHAT COULD I...?
?
WELL, YOU SEE... IT'S JUST SEETHING WITH RAGE!
UM... THE THING IS, I CAN'T GIVE YOU PERMISS-ION.
I DON'T HAVE ANY AUTHORITY OVER MYSELF THESE DAYS...
LEVI?
WHAT'S ON EREN'S AGENDA FOR TOMOR-ROW?

AH... OKAY...
EREN! I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.
...
GRAB
GREAT, THEN IT'S SETTLED!!
...
CLEANING THE YARD.
?
NUDGE
HEY! DON'T GET HER STARTED...
!
BUT WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY TITAN EXPERIMENT?
BATTLE
BATTLE
CREAK
WELL, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT BADLY...
I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED CURIOUS.
AH... I KNEW IT!
...WHO AM I TO KEEP IT FROM YOU?
IT'S ABOUT THE TITANS WE CAPTURED.


KKK
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
CREAK
HUFF

HI THERE!

FIRST, I REPEATED THE EXPERIMENT WE TRIED FIVE TIMES IN THE PAST, WHENEVER WE HAD A CAPTIVE TITAN: AN ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE.
DOES IT HURT?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
SQUAD LEADER, YOU'RE TOO CLOSE.
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SUCCESS-FULLY SNARED A TITAN.



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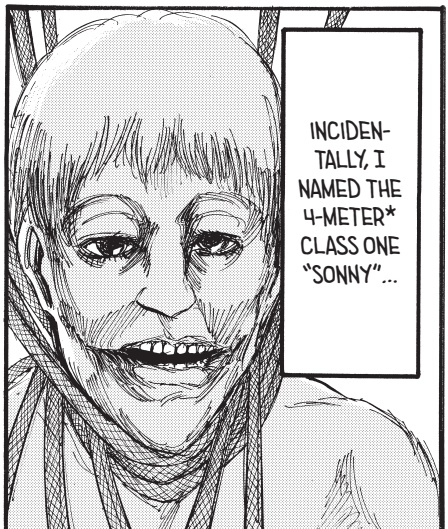
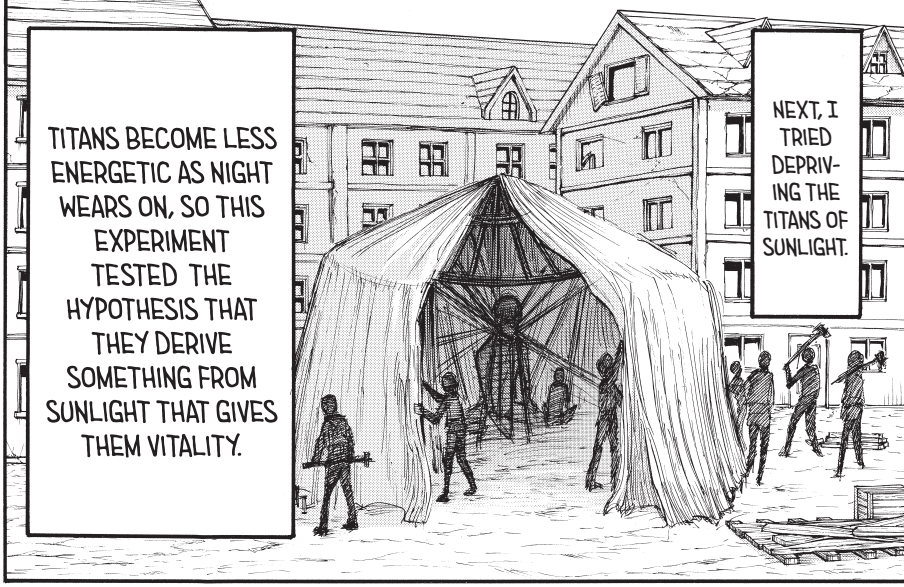
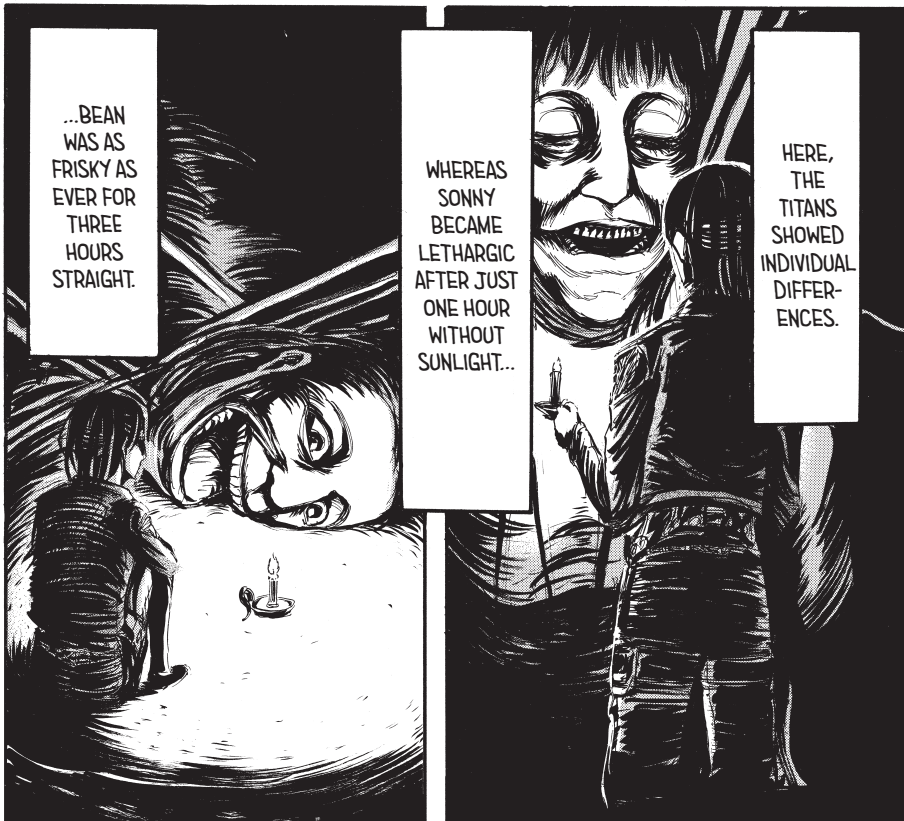



TITANS BECOME LESS ENERGETIC AS NIGHT WEARS ON, SO THIS EXPERIMENT TESTED THE HYPOTHESIS THAT THEY DERIVE SOMETHING FROM SUNLIGHT THAT GIVES THEM VITALITY.
NEXT, I TRIED DEPRIVING THE TITANS OF SUNLIGHT.


...BEAN WAS AS FRISKY AS EVER FOR THREE HOURS STRAIGHT.
WHEREAS SONNY BECAME LETHARGIC AFTER JUST ONE HOUR WITHOUT SUNLIGHT...
HERE, THE TITANS SHOWED INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES.

THEY DON'T NEED FOOD OR WATER, AND EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE VOCAL CORDS, IT ISN'T NECESSARY FOR THEM TO BREATHE... ALL THEY REQUIRE IS SUNLIGHT...
I WAS SURPRISED YET AGAIN...
...BUT IF IT KILLED THEM, IT'D BE THE END OF MY EXPERIMENTS.
I'M INTERESTED IN WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY WERE CUT OFF COMPLETELY FROM SUNLIGHT...
I EXPLORED THEIR SENSE OF PAIN.
!
RATTLE
SO I MOVED ON TO THE NEXT STAGE: DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE TITANS' BODIES!

AAAAAH!
STAB
AAAAAH!
LOOK AT HOW MUCH PAIN BEAN IS IN!
HOW COULD I DO THIS AND NOT SCREAM?!
SQUAD LEADER!! THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO SCREAM ...

FWISH
STAB
HANG IN THERE, BEAN! YOU'LL MAKE IT!!
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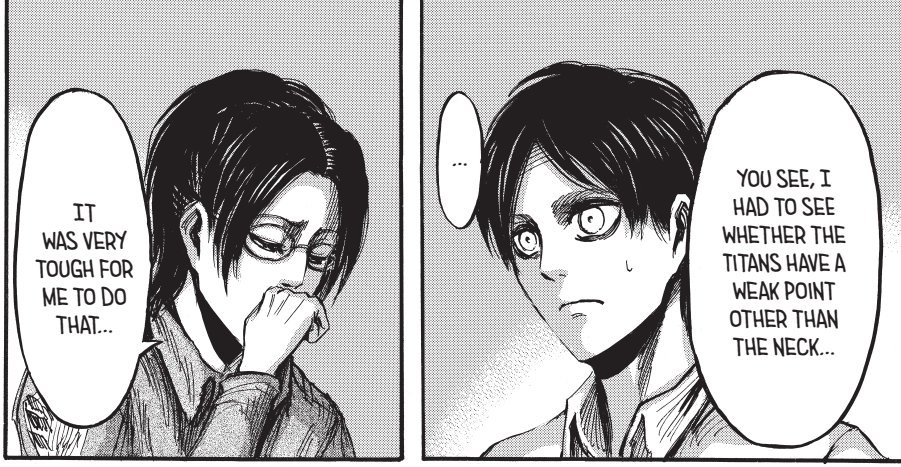

IT WAS VERY TOUGH FOR ME TO DO THAT...
...
YOU SEE, I HAD TO SEE WHETHER THE TITANS HAVE A WEAK POINT OTHER THAN THE NECK...

IT DOESN'T HURT? HOW DOES IT FEEL?
YOU DO KNOW THAT I'M STABBING YOU THROUGH THE HEART ...?
LEAN
ズブブ..
COMPARED TO BEAN, THE INTROVERTED SONNY DIDN'T HAVE MUCH OF A REACTION AT ALL.

WHAT IS IT ?!
WHAT ?!
LEAN
MM...
OONH...
SNAP SNAP
OONGH...
YIPE !!
SNAP
YOU WERE REALLY GONNA DIE!
YOU ALMOST HAD ME THERE, SONNY!
AHA HA-HA-HA!
SQUAD LEADER, PLEASE STAY BACK!!

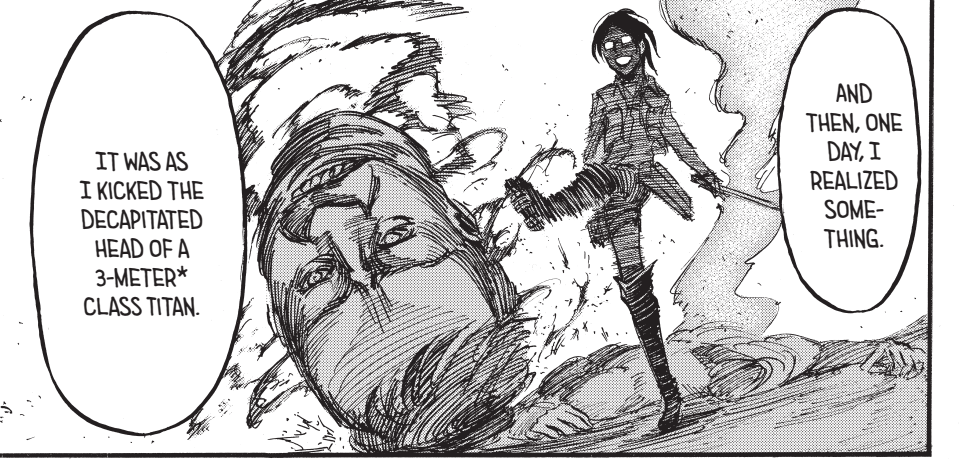
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CHEERFUL AROUND TITANS?
ALL HE DOES IS TRY TO BITE MY HEAD OFF.
SO YOU CAN SEE THAT SONNY HAS A HARD TIME EXPRESSING HIMSELF.

MS. HANGE, YOU MUST'VE BEEN IN DANGER FROM THEM YOURSELF A NUMBER OF TIMES...
I MEAN... TITANS ARE OUR NATURAL ENEMY! THEY DROVE THE HUMAN RACE TO THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION ...

HUH ?

WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS, I RELIED ON MY HATRED TO GET ME THROUGH BATTLES WITH THE TITANS.
I'VE SEEN MY COMRADES GET SLAUGHTERED BY THE TITANS RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES MORE TIMES THAN I CARE TO RECALL.

YOU'RE RIGHT.



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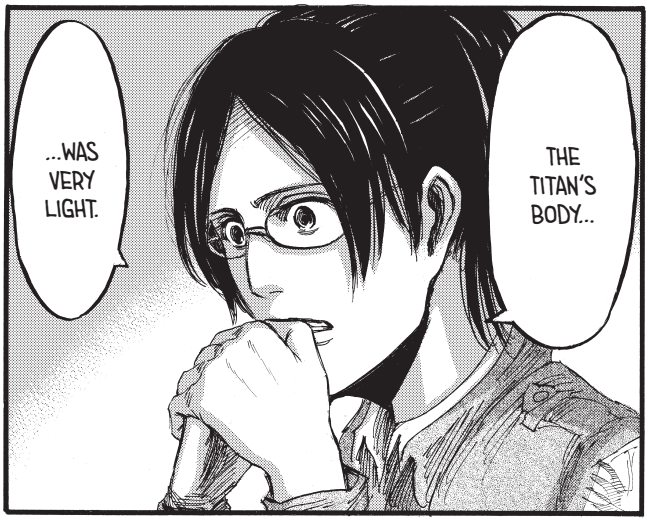
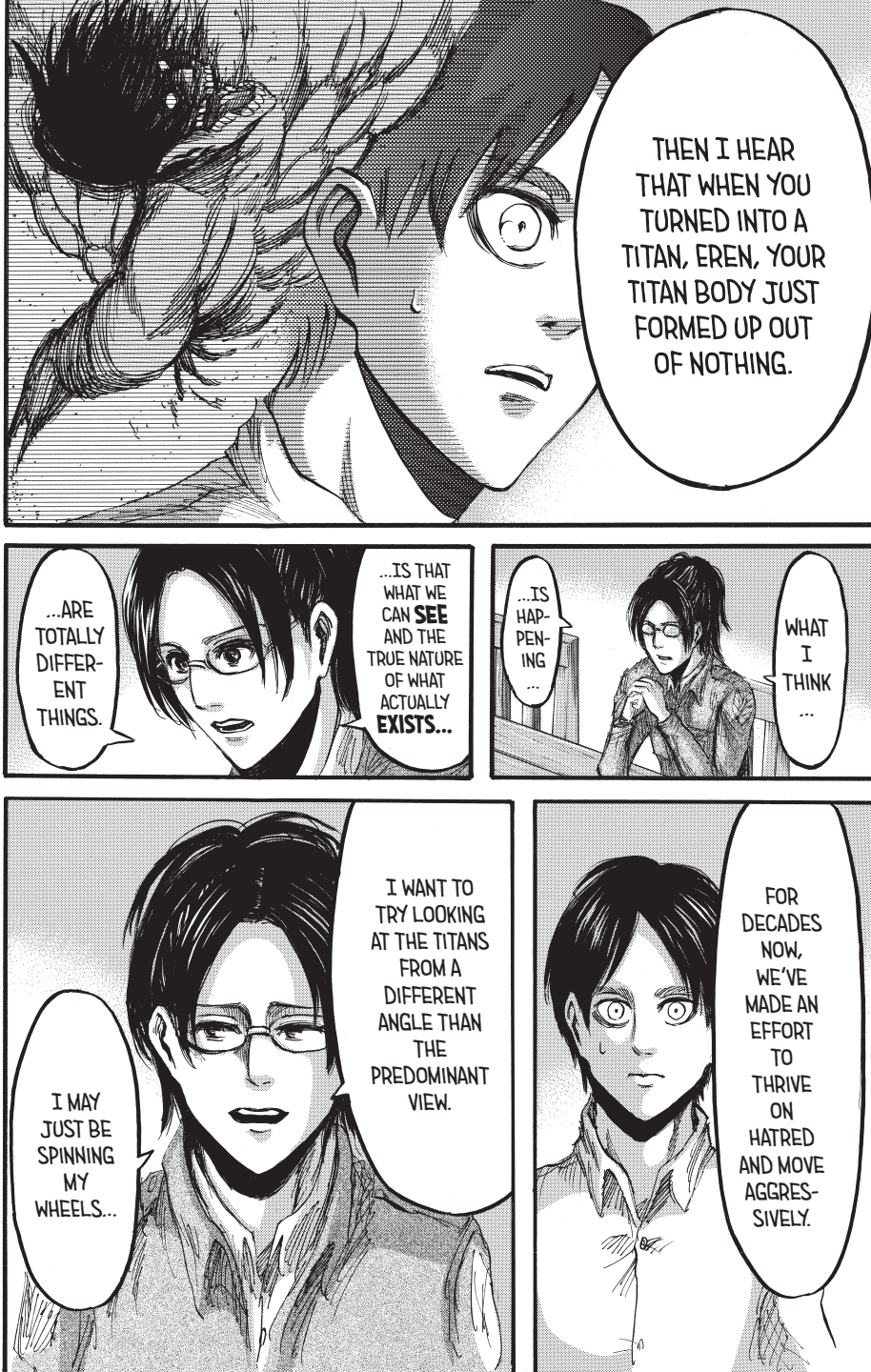
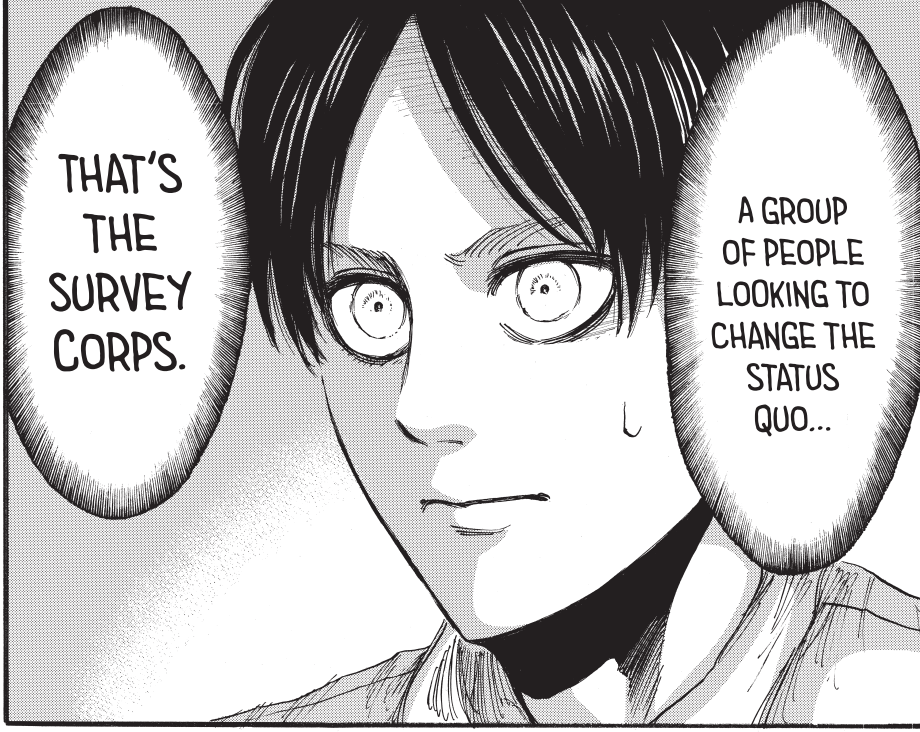
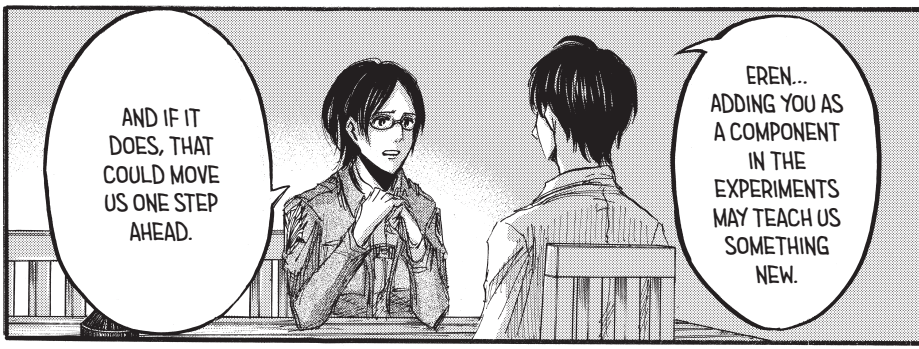
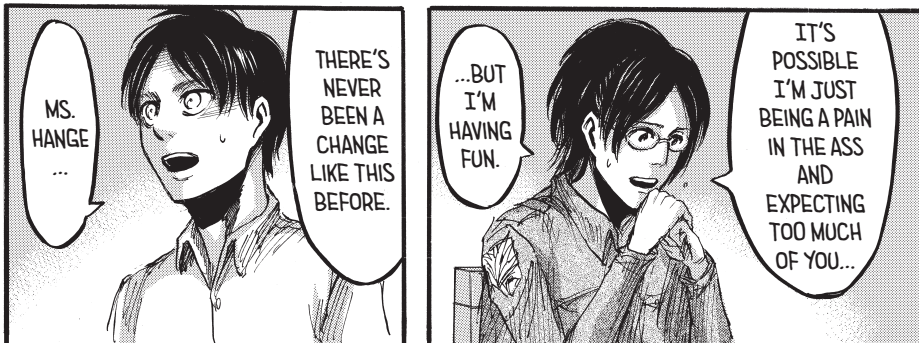



THEN I HEAR THAT WHEN YOU TURNED INTO A TITAN, EREN, YOUR TITAN BODY JUST FORMED UP OUT OF NOTHING.
...IS THAT WHAT WE CAN SEE AND THE TRUE NATURE OF WHAT ACTUALLY EXISTS...
...ARE TOTALLY DIFFER-ENT THINGS.
...IS HAP-PEN-ING ...
WHAT I THINK ...
I WANT TO TRY LOOKING AT THE TITANS FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE THAN THE PREDOMINANT VIEW.
I MAY JUST BE SPINNING MY WHEELS...
FOR DECADES NOW, WE'VE MADE AN EFFORT TO THRIVE ON HATRED AND MOVE AGGRES-SIVELY.

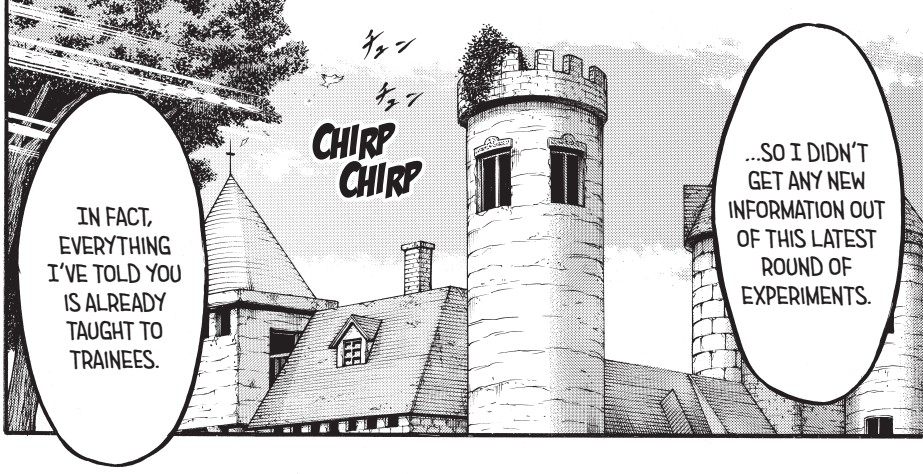
...I'M GOING TO DO IT.
BUT ...
IT'S LIKE I'VE BEEN IN A CONSTANT STATE OF SURPRISE EVER SINCE JOINING THE SURVEY CORPS.
IT'S NOT ONLY MS. HANGE. THIS ORGANIZATION IS FULL OF ODDBALLS...
LIKE A HAVEN ...
... FOR EC-CEN-TRICS.

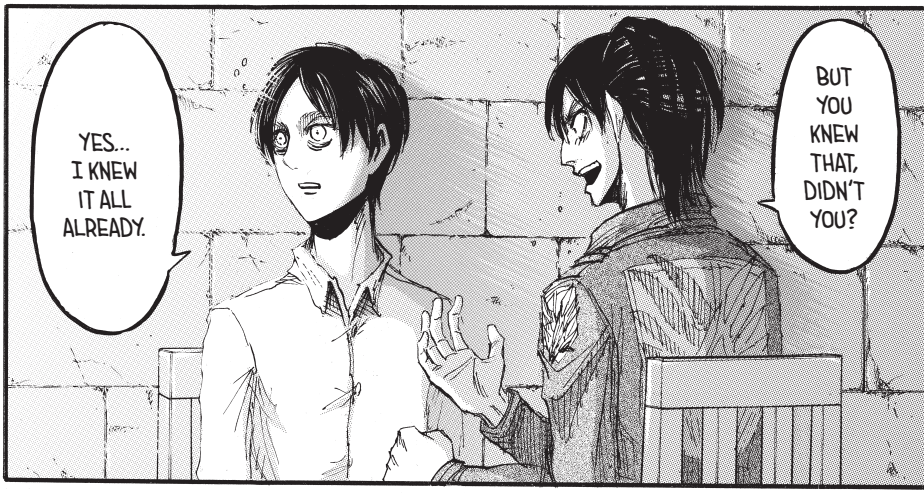

A GROUP OF PEOPLE LOOKING TO CHANGE THE STATUS QUO...
THAT'S THE SURVEY CORPS.


EREN... ADDING YOU AS A COMPONENT IN THE EXPERIMENTS MAY TEACH US SOMETHING NEW.
AND IF IT DOES, THAT COULD MOVE US ONE STEP AHEAD.

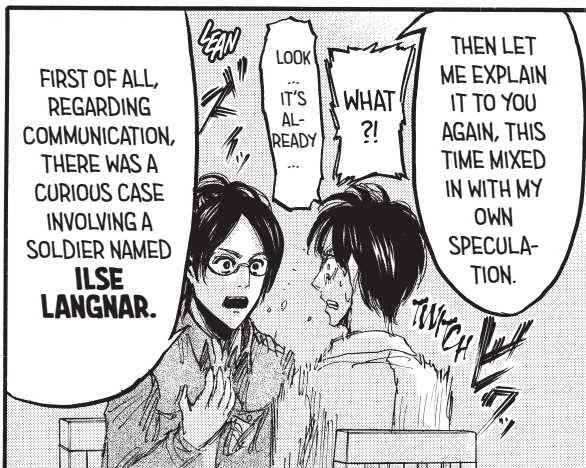

IT'S POSSIBLE I'M JUST BEING A PAIN IN THE ASS AND EXPECTING TOO MUCH OF YOU...
...BUT I'M HAVING FUN.
THERE'S NEVER BEEN A CHANGE LIKE THIS BEFORE.
MS. HANGE ...

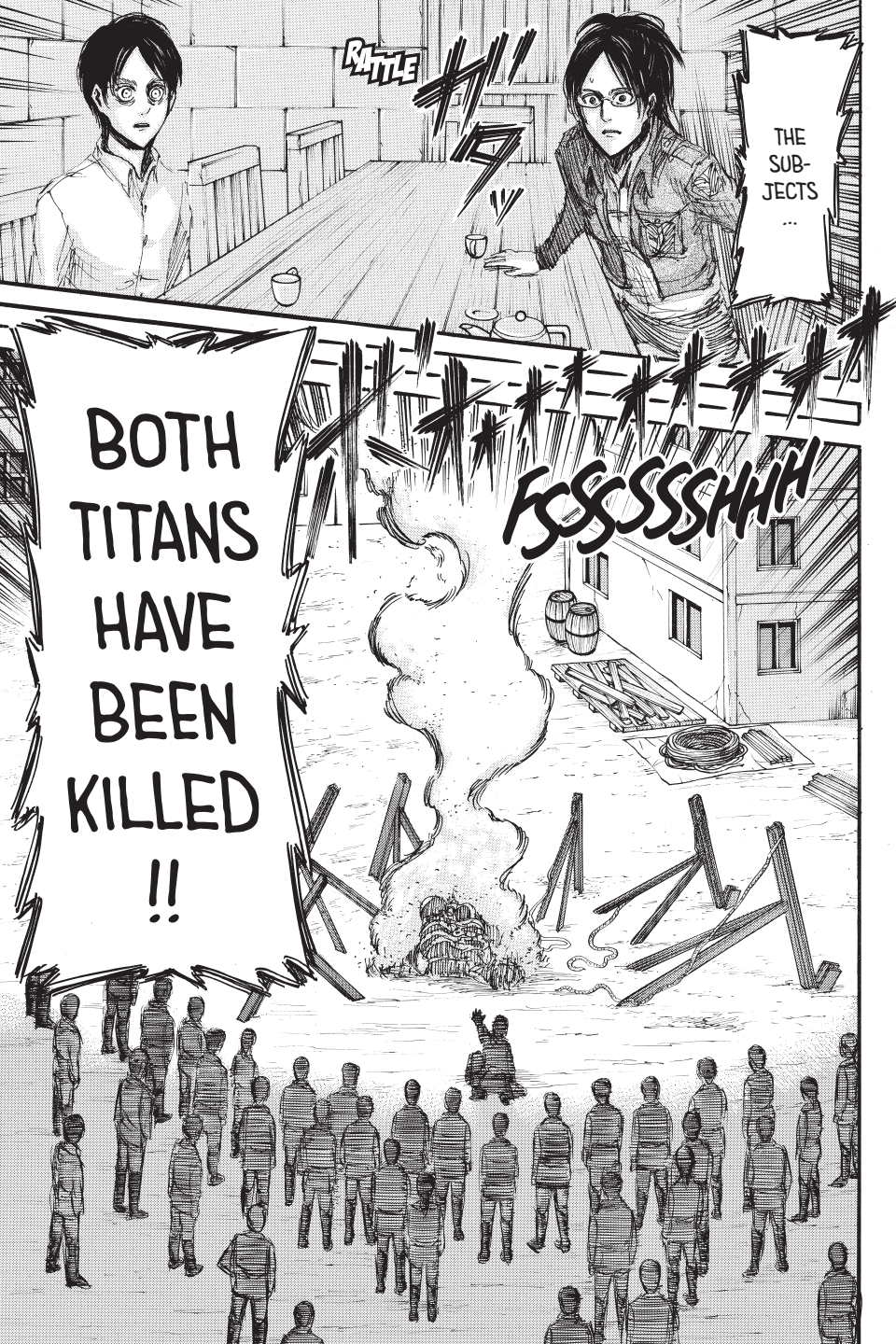
REALLY?
HM?
IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D LIKE TO HEAR MORE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIMENTS.
TRUE, I DID LEAVE OUT A LOT IN MY EXPLANATION...
R-RIGHT.
IF NOTHING ELSE, I SHOULD PROBABLY BE WELL INFORMED FOR THE SAKE OF TOMORROW'S EXPERIMENT.
ALTHOUGH WE MAY BE HERE A WHILE...
OKAY, LET'S GET INTO THE NITTY-GRITTY.


CHIRP CHIRP
IN FACT, EVERYTHING I'VE TOLD YOU IS ALREADY TAUGHT TO TRAINEES.
...SO I DIDN'T GET ANY NEW INFORMATION OUT OF THIS LATEST ROUND OF EXPERIMENTS.


YES... I KNEW IT ALL ALREADY.
BUT YOU KNEW THAT, DIDN'T YOU?

IS SQUAD LEADER HANGE HERE?
BAM


FIRST OF ALL, REGARDING COMMUNICATION, THERE WAS A CURIOUS CASE INVOLVING A SOLDIER NAMED ILSE LANGNAR.
LEAN
LOOK ... IT'S AL-READY ...
WHAT ?!
THEN LET ME EXPLAIN IT TO YOU AGAIN, THIS TIME MIXED IN WITH MY OWN SPECULA-TION.
TWITCH


RATTLE
THE SUB-JECTS ...
FSSSSSHHH
BOTH TITANS HAVE BEEN KILLED !!

NO! DID A SOLDIER DO IT?
SONNY!
BEAN!
WE HAVEN'T FOUND THE CULPRIT.
LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE BOTH KILLED AT THE SAME TIME, BEFORE DAWN. BY THE TIME THE GUARDS NOTICED, WHOEVER DID IT HAD ALREADY GOTTEN AWAY USING VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR.

THEY WERE IMPORTANT TEST SUBJECTS. WHAT KIND OF MORONS WOULD...
MURMUR MURMUR
IF THEY WEREN'T MORONS... THEN WHY'D THEY DO IT?

SO THIS WAS PRE-MEDITATED, WITH TWO OR MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED ...
LOOK AT HANGE. SHE'S GONE OFF THE DEEP END.

CHFF
EREN ...
COM-MAND-ER!

LET'S GO...THE REST IS UP TO THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE.
Y-YES, SIR.

WHO DO YOU THINK THE ENEMY IS?
WHAT DO YOU SEE?
WHAT HAP-PENED HERE?
SORRY FOR ASKING SUCH A STRANGE QUES-TION.
...
... SIR?
CHFF
CHFF
CHFF
CHF

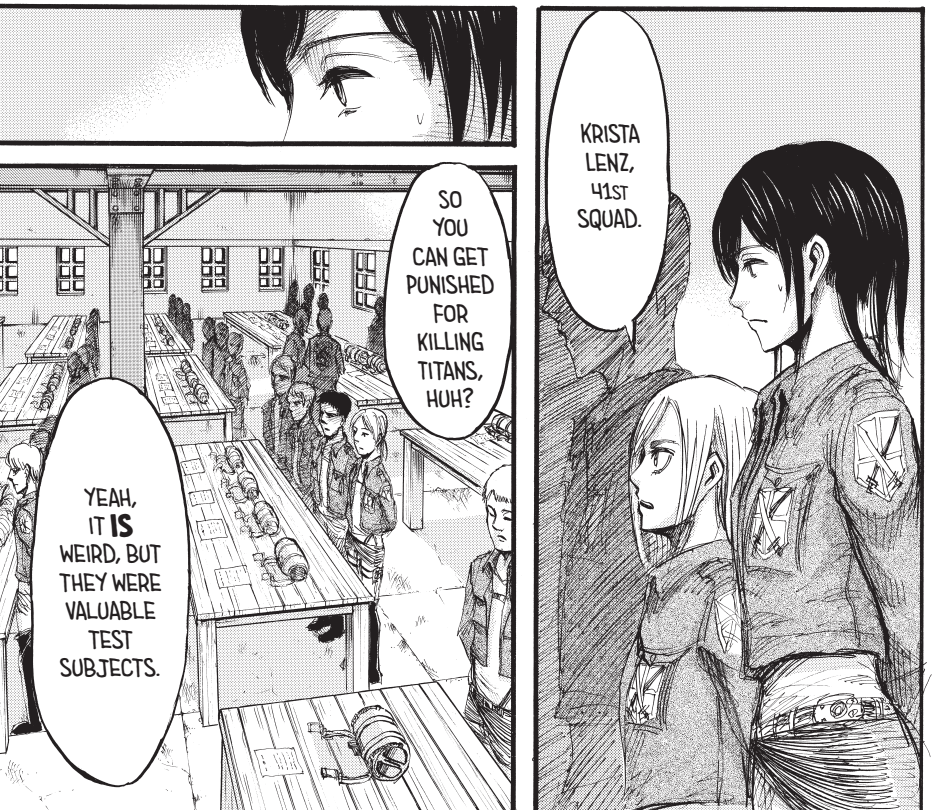
ATTACK
ON TITAN

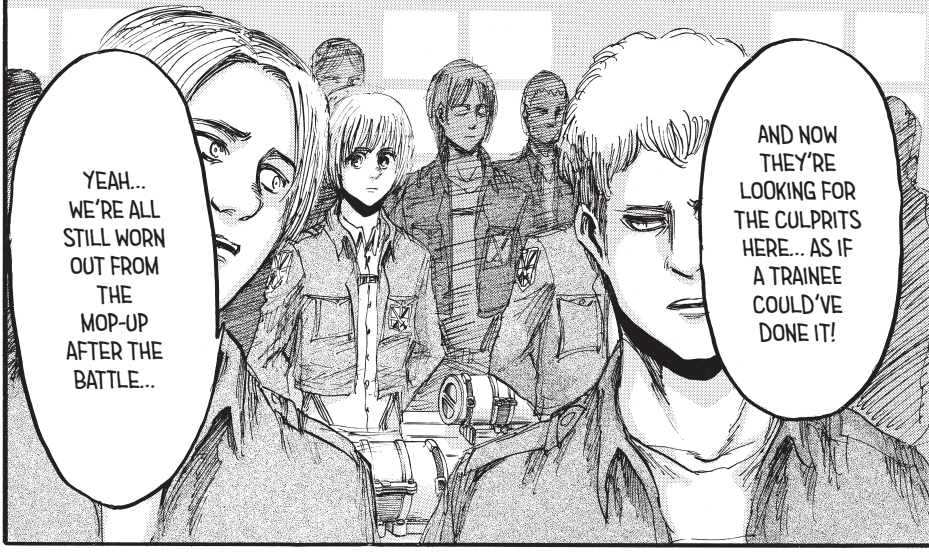
Episode 21:
Opening the
Gate

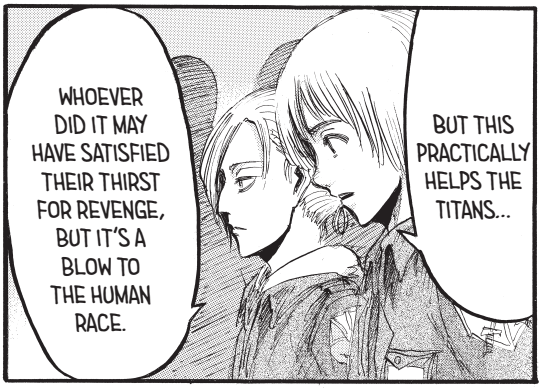
* Rejected Cover Idea

THE MOOD DIDN'T FIT
WITH THE WORLD.

WHEN WAS THE SHAFT LAST SWITCHED OUT?
AFTER THE MOPPING UP OPERATION SIX DAYS AGO, SIR.
THERE'S A RECORD OF IT.
ALL RIGHT, NEXT! YOU!


KRISTA LENZ, 41ST SQUAD.
SO YOU CAN GET PUNISHED FOR KILLING TITANS, HUH?
YEAH, IT **IS** WEIRD, BUT THEY WERE VALUABLE TEST SUBJECTS.


YEAH... WE'RE ALL STILL WORN OUT FROM THE MOP-UP AFTER THE BATTLE...
AND NOW THEY'RE LOOKING FOR THE CULPRITS HERE... AS IF A TRAINEE COULD'VE DONE IT!

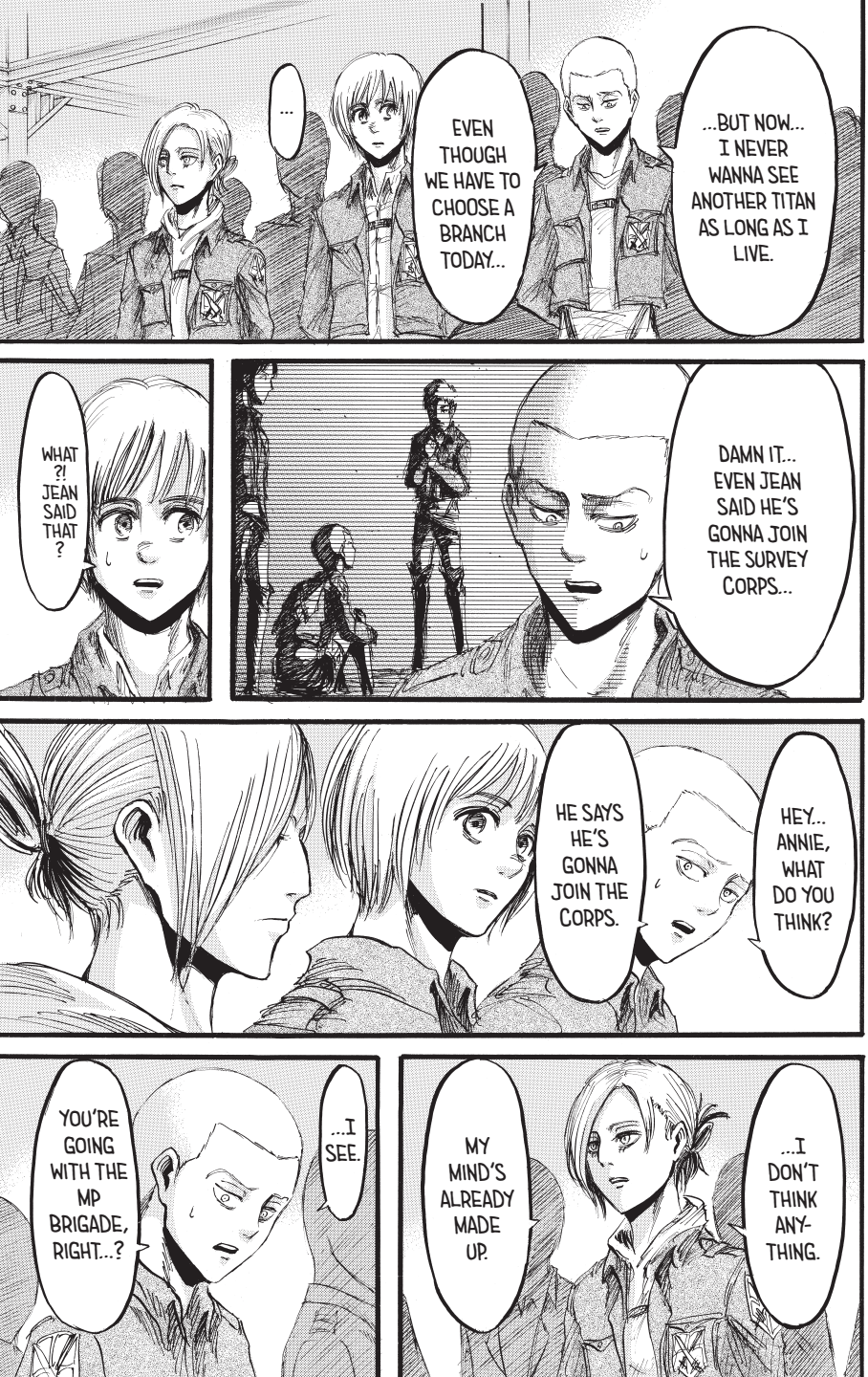

WHOEVER DID IT MAY HAVE SATISFIED THEIR THIRST FOR REVENGE, BUT IT'S A BLOW TO THE HUMAN RACE.
BUT THIS PRACTICALLY HELPS THE TITANS...

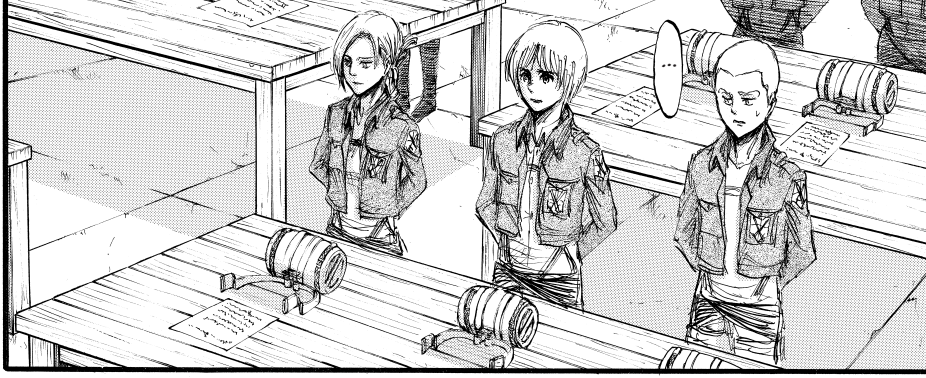
...YEAH.
YOU CAN'T BLAME SOMEONE FOR HATING TITANS.

BEFORE I SAW MY FIRST TITAN, I REALLY WANTED TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...
YOU LOSE YOUR ABILITY TO THINK.

...!

...SO I KINDA GET WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM.
I'M AN IDIOT ...


...
EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE TO CHOOSE A BRANCH TODAY...
...BUT NOW... I NEVER WANNA SEE ANOTHER TITAN AS LONG AS I LIVE.
WHAT ?! JEAN SAID THAT ?
DAMN IT... EVEN JEAN SAID HE'S GONNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...
HEY... ANNIE, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HE SAYS HE'S GONNA JOIN THE CORPS.
...I SEE.
YOU'RE GOING WITH THE MP BRIGADE, RIGHT...?
...I DON'T THINK ANY-THING.
MY MIND'S ALREADY MADE UP.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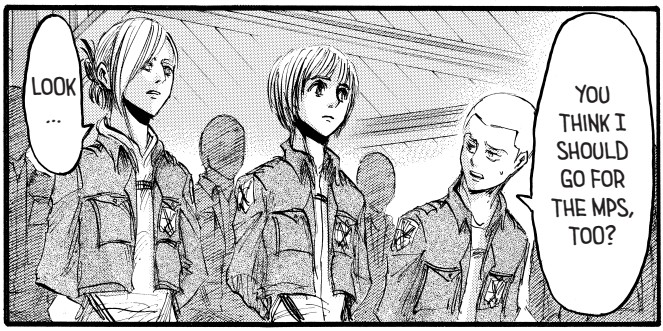
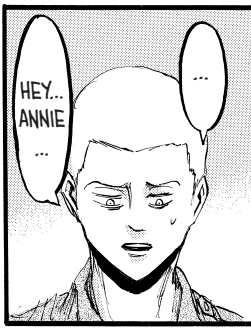

LOOK
...
YOU THINK I SHOULD GO FOR THE MPS, TOO?


HEY... ANNIE
...
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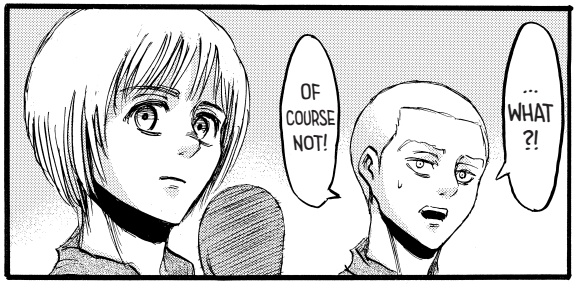
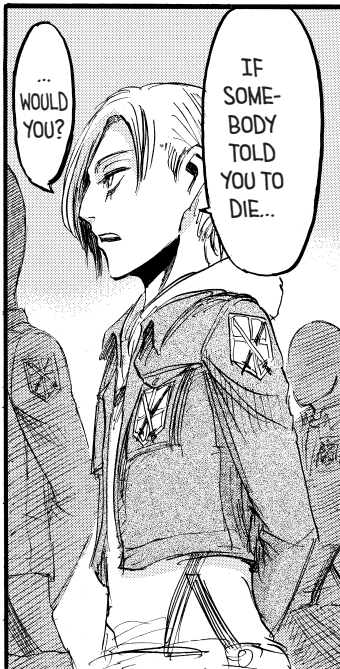
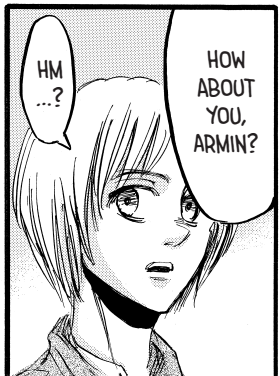
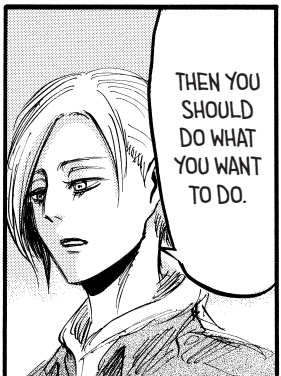

OF COURSE NOT!
... WHAT ?!

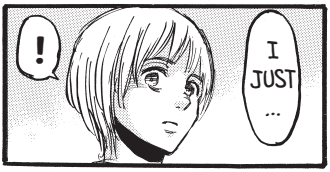

... WOULD YOU?
IF SOME-BODY TOLD YOU TO DIE...


HM ...?
HOW ABOUT YOU, ARMIN?


THEN YOU SHOULD DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.

SO YOU'VE DE-CID-ED...
YEAH.
...
I SEE ...
I THINK THERE ARE TIMES PEOPLE HAVE TO DIE... EVEN IF I DON'T LIKE IT.
IF I COULD UNDERSTAND WHY I HAD TO DIE...
ME ...
SERI-OUSLY ...? ARMIN, YOU TOO?
TH-THANKS ...
...BUT YOU'VE GOT SPIRIT.
YOU'RE A WEAK-LING...
WHA?
...
... PRETTY NICE.
ANNIE ... YOU'RE ACTU-ALLY...
...

...
NO.
...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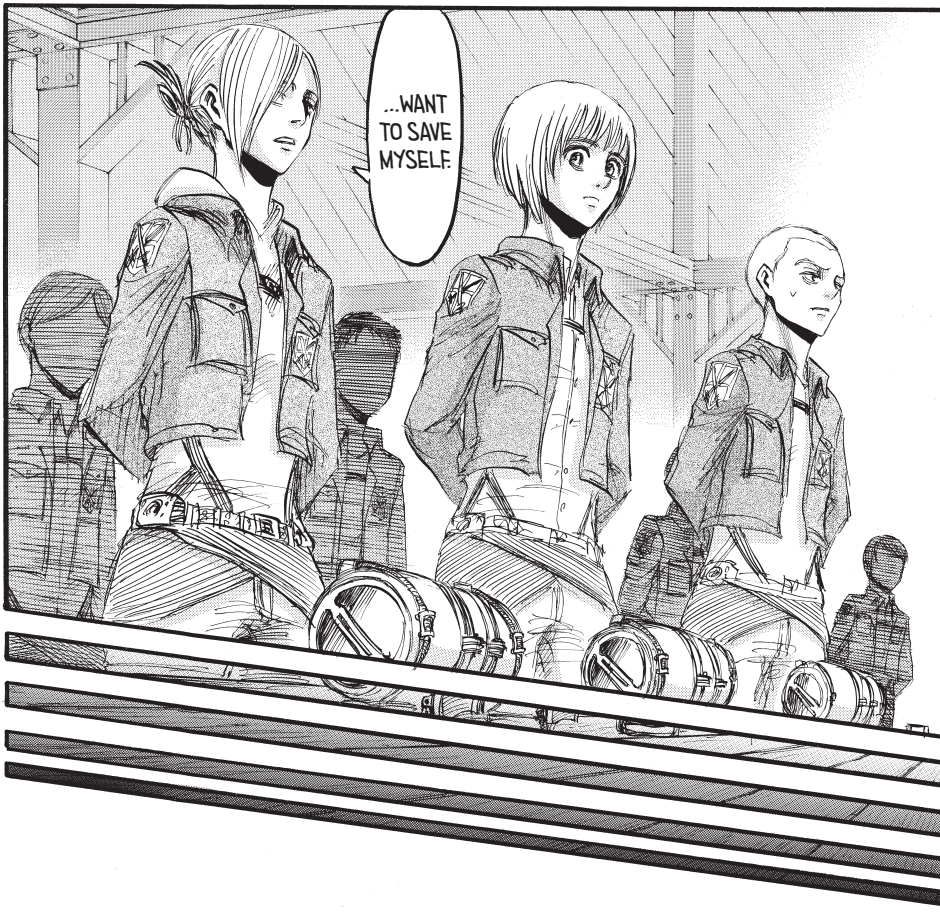
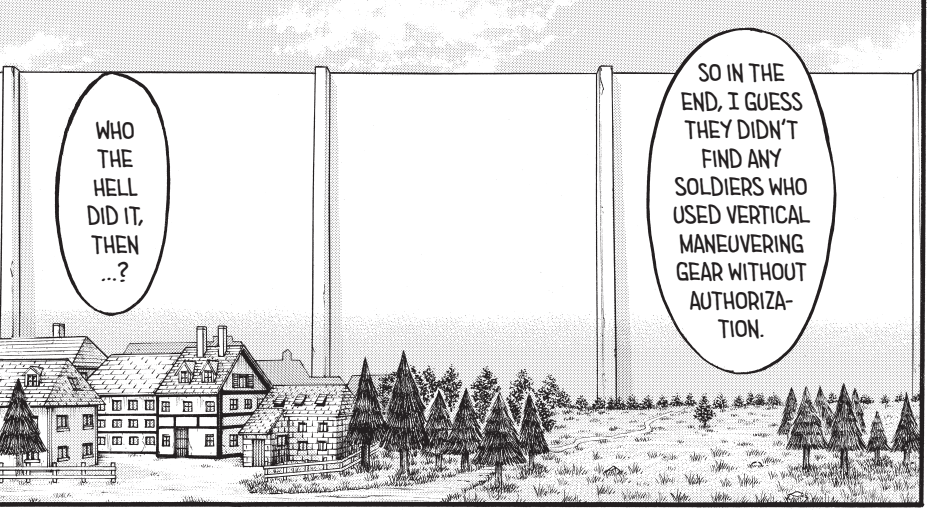
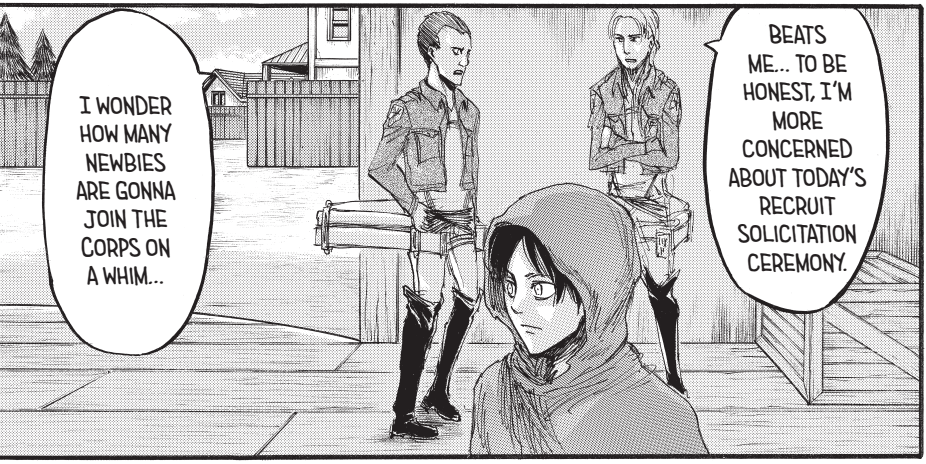
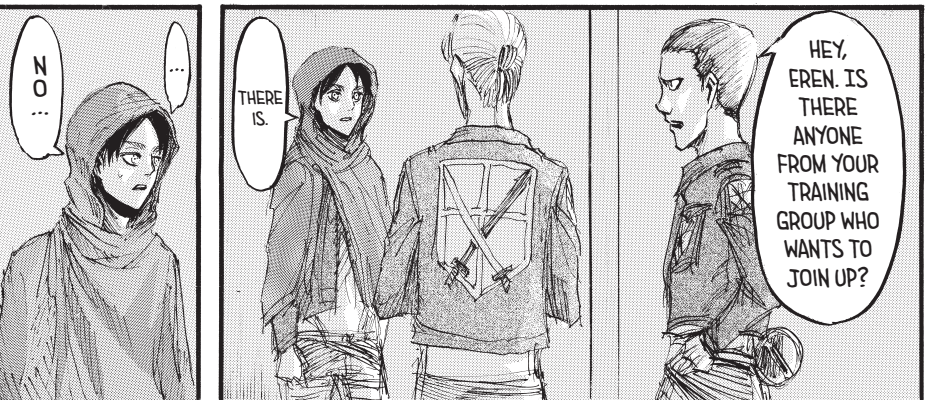
I JUST ...

I MEAN, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU DON'T WANT US TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...
AND I BET YOU HAVE A REASON FOR JOINING THE MILITARY POLICE.


...WANT TO SAVE MYSELF.


WHO THE HELL DID IT, THEN ...?
SO IN THE END, I GUESS THEY DIDN'T FIND ANY SOLDIERS WHO USED VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.


I WONDER HOW MANY NEWBIES ARE GONNA JOIN THE CORPS ON A WHIM...
BEATS ME... TO BE HONEST, I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT TODAY'S RECRUIT SOLICITATION CEREMONY.


NO...
...
THERE IS.
HEY, EREN. IS THERE ANYONE FROM YOUR TRAINING GROUP WHO WANTS TO JOIN UP?

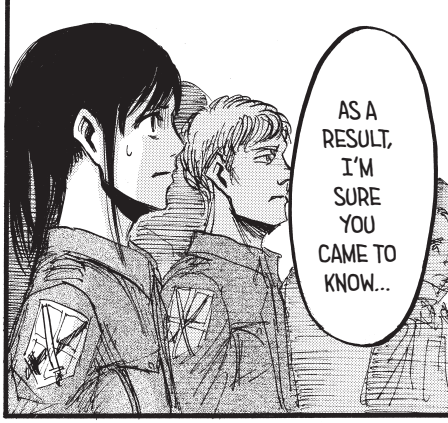
... THERE WAS.
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY FEEL NOW.
CHFF
JEAN...

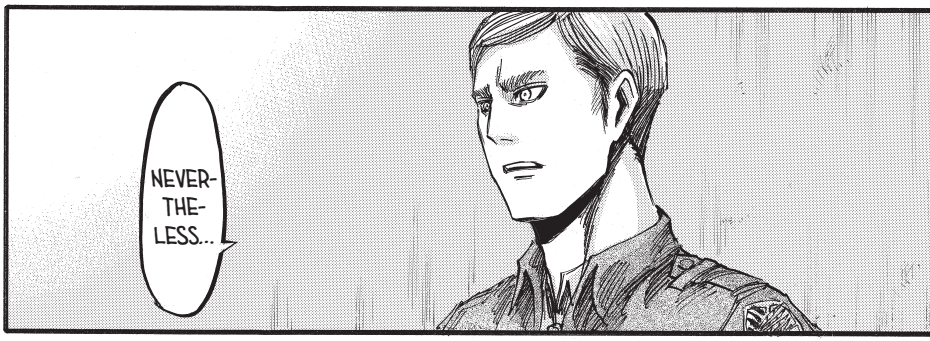
JEAN, WHAT MADE YOU SUDDENLY DECIDE TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS?
I MEAN... I THOUGHT YOU WERE SCARED...
WHAT? OF COURSE I DON'T LIKE IT. THE CORPS, I MEAN.
...
HM? ...THEN WHY ARE YOU...
I MAY'VE CHOSEN THE SURVEY CORPS, BUT NOT 'CAUSE I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE TITANS.
AND I'M NOT GOING TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE, "SKILLED SOLDIERS HAVE A DUTY TO JOIN THE CORPS."
LISTEN. SERI-OUSLY ...
I'M NOT IN A HURRY TO DIE LIKE EREN. DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH HIM.

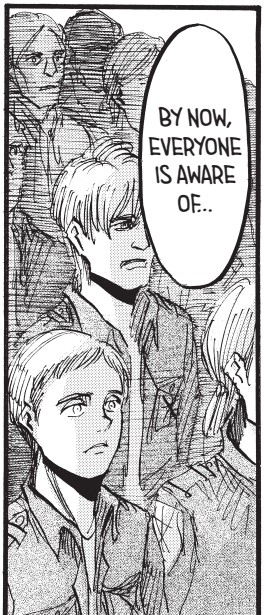
AND...
TRAINEES, FALL IN! FACE THE STAGE!
THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF JOB YOU CAN DO WITHOUT REALLY CHOOSING IT YOURSELF.
NOBODY CONVINCED ME TO PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE.

TODAY, YOU CHOOSE WHICH DIVISION TO JOIN. THE REASON I'M UP HERE IS TO INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PART OF THE SURVEY CORPS.
I AM SURVEY CORPS COMMANDER ERWIN SMITH.
THE KING HAS GRANTED ME AUTHORITY OVER ALL SURVEY CORPS ACTIVITY.
I'M SURE NOTHING ELSE IN YOUR LIVES CAME CLOSE TO IT. THOUGH YOU'RE TRAINEES, YOU EXPERIENCED SACRIFICE.
BUT I SHOULD WARN YOU. IN THE RECENT TITAN ATTACK, EVERYONE HERE EXPERIENCED WHAT THE AVERAGE EXCURSION OUTSIDE IS LIKE.

...YOUR OWN LIMITS, AND THE TERROR OF THE TITANS.

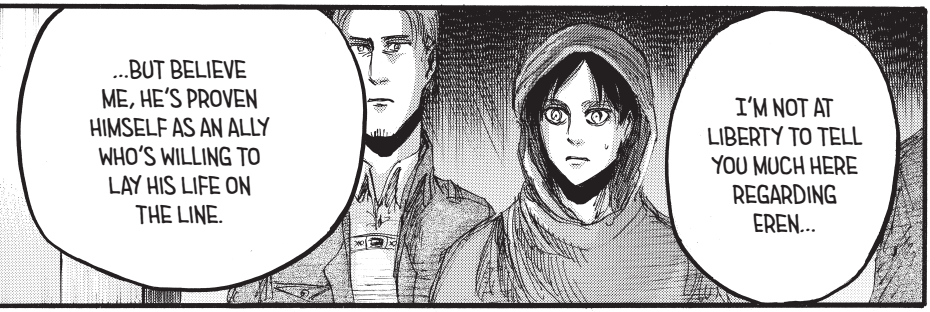

AS A RESULT, I'M SURE YOU CAME TO KNOW...


NEVER-THE-LESS...


BY NOW, EVERYONE IS AWARE OF...

...THE HUMAN RACE HAS ADVANCED TOWARDS VICTORY LIKE NEVER BEFORE.
WHILE IT'S TRUE WE SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES IN THIS ATTACK...

...AND WE HAVE OBTAINED A PATH TO UNDER-STANDING THE TRUE NATURE OF THE TITANS.
THROUGH HIS ACTIONS AND ALL OF YOURS, THE TITAN INCURSION WAS HALTED...
...THE EXISTENCE OF EREN YEAGER.

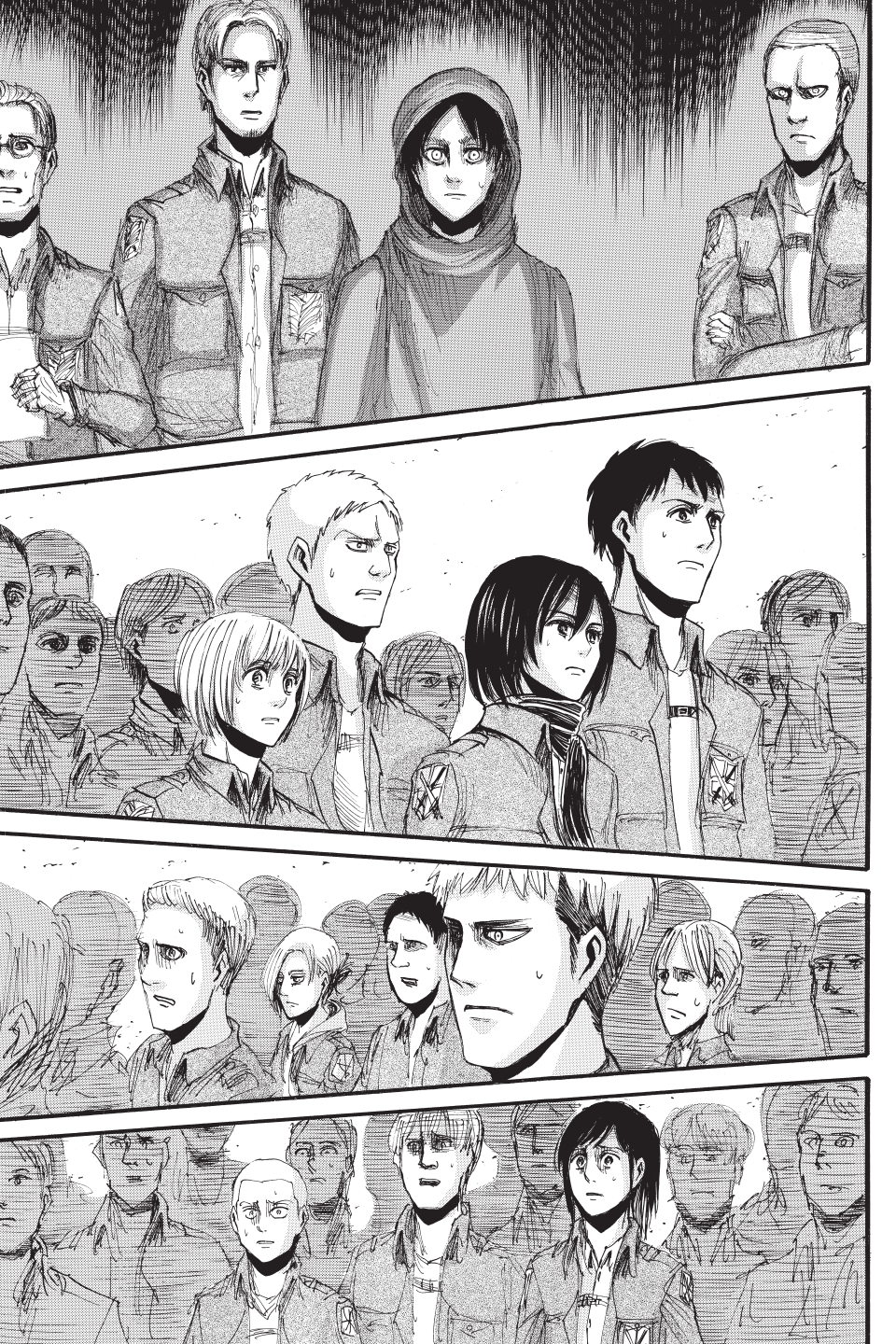

...BUT BELIEVE ME, HE'S PROVEN HIMSELF AS AN ALLY WHO'S WILLING TO LAY HIS LIFE ON THE LINE.
I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO TELL YOU MUCH HERE REGARDING EREN...

...THERE ARE ANSWERS ABOUT THE TITANS THAT EVEN HE DOESN'T HAVE.
AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT IN THE BASEMENT OF HIS OLD HOUSE IN SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT...

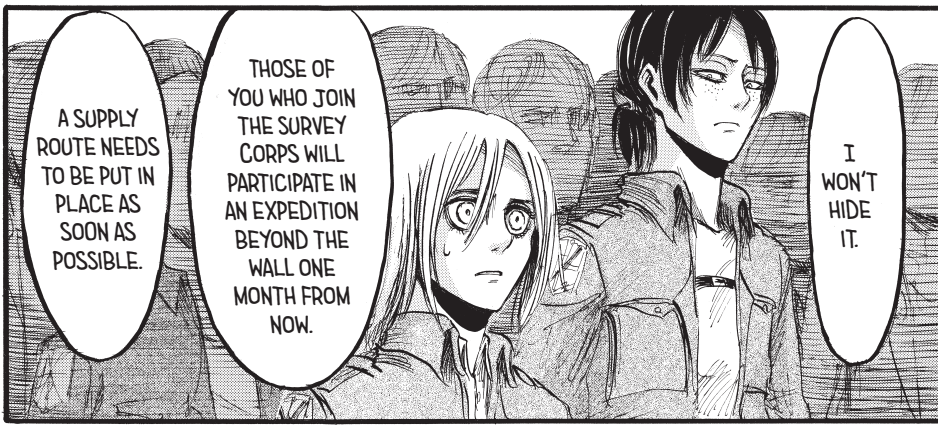
...I BELIEVE WE'LL FIND CLUES THAT MAY FREE US FROM A CENTURY OF DOMINATION BY THE TITANS.
IF WE CAN JUST GET TO THAT BASEMENT...
MURMUR
...BUT MAKING THAT INFORMATION PUBLIC...?
I KNOW THEY WANT TO RECRUIT SOL-DIERS...
...
HIS BASE-MENT ...?
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
IF WE'RE ON THE VERGE OF FINDING OUT WHAT THE TITANS REALLY ARE, THEN THE SITUATION MUST NOT BE THAT BAD!!
MURMUR
ARE WE ALREADY THAT CLOSE ...?
HE MUST HAVE AN AGENDA...
WAIT...
...

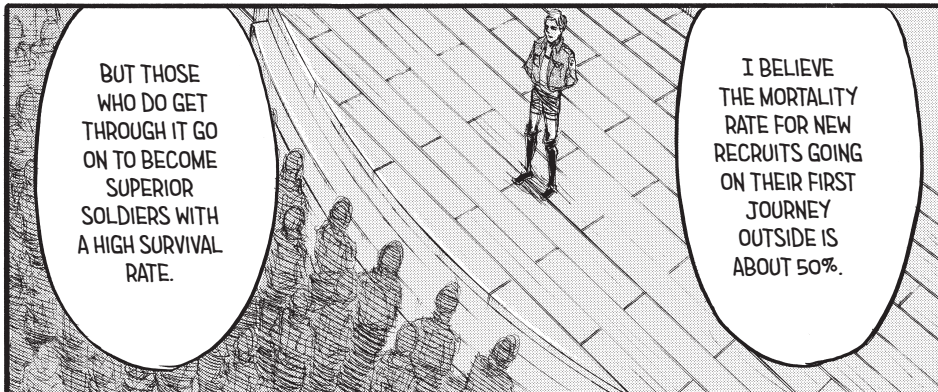
AND YET ...
MURMUR MURMUR
HM?
... LOOKING AT?
WHAT'S THE COMMANDER ...
...WE FIRST NEED TO TAKE BACK WALL MARIA.
...IF WE ARE TO PERFORM A FULL INVESTIGATION OF THAT BASEMENT ROOM IN SHIGANSHINA...
THE PATH THAT TOOK ONE OF OUR BATTALIONS FOUR YEARS TO CLEAR IS COMPLETELY LOST.
...BUT NOW THAT WE CAN NO LONGER USE THE GATE IN TROST DISTRICT, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE THE LONG WAY AROUND, FROM EASTERN KARANES DISTRICT.
IN OTHER WORDS, OUR AIM IS THE SAME...
THAT'S 90% IN FOUR YEARS.
DURING THOSE FOUR YEARS, OVER 90% OF THE SURVEY CORPS SOLDIERS DIED.

...WOULD MEAN FIVE TIMES THE CASUALTIES AND 20 YEARS OF WORK. THOSE AREN'T REALISTIC FIGURES.
EVEN IN THE BEST CASE, SENDING ANOTHER BATTALION TO WALL MARIA...

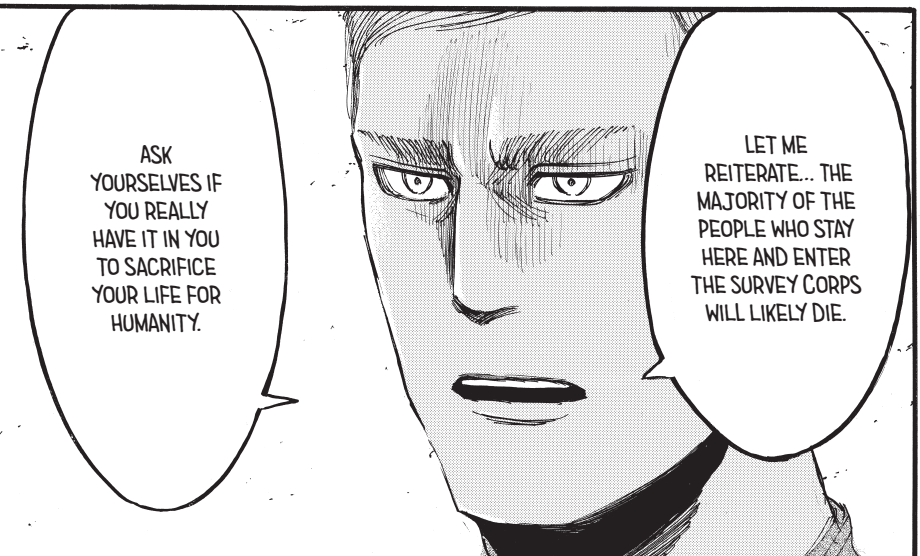


THE SURVEY CORPS IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TALENTED PEOPLE.
SINCE MANY ARE KILLED EVERY TIME WE GO OUT, WE SUFFER FROM A CHRONIC SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL.


I WON'T HIDE IT.
THOSE OF YOU WHO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS WILL PARTICIPATE IN AN EXPEDITION BEYOND THE WALL ONE MONTH FROM NOW.
A SUPPLY ROUTE NEEDS TO BE PUT IN PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.


I BELIEVE THE MORTALITY RATE FOR NEW RECRUITS GOING ON THEIR FIRST JOURNEY OUTSIDE IS ABOUT 50%.
BUT THOSE WHO DO GET THROUGH IT GO ON TO BECOME SUPERIOR SOLDIERS WITH A HIGH SURVIVAL RATE.

NOW YOU KNOW THE DISMAL STATE OF AFFAIRS. THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE STILL WILLING TO PUT YOUR LIVES ON THE LINE, REMAIN HERE.


ASK YOURSELVES IF YOU REALLY HAVE IT IN YOU TO SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE FOR HUMANITY.
LET ME REITERATE... THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE WHO STAY HERE AND ENTER THE SURVEY CORPS WILL LIKELY DIE.

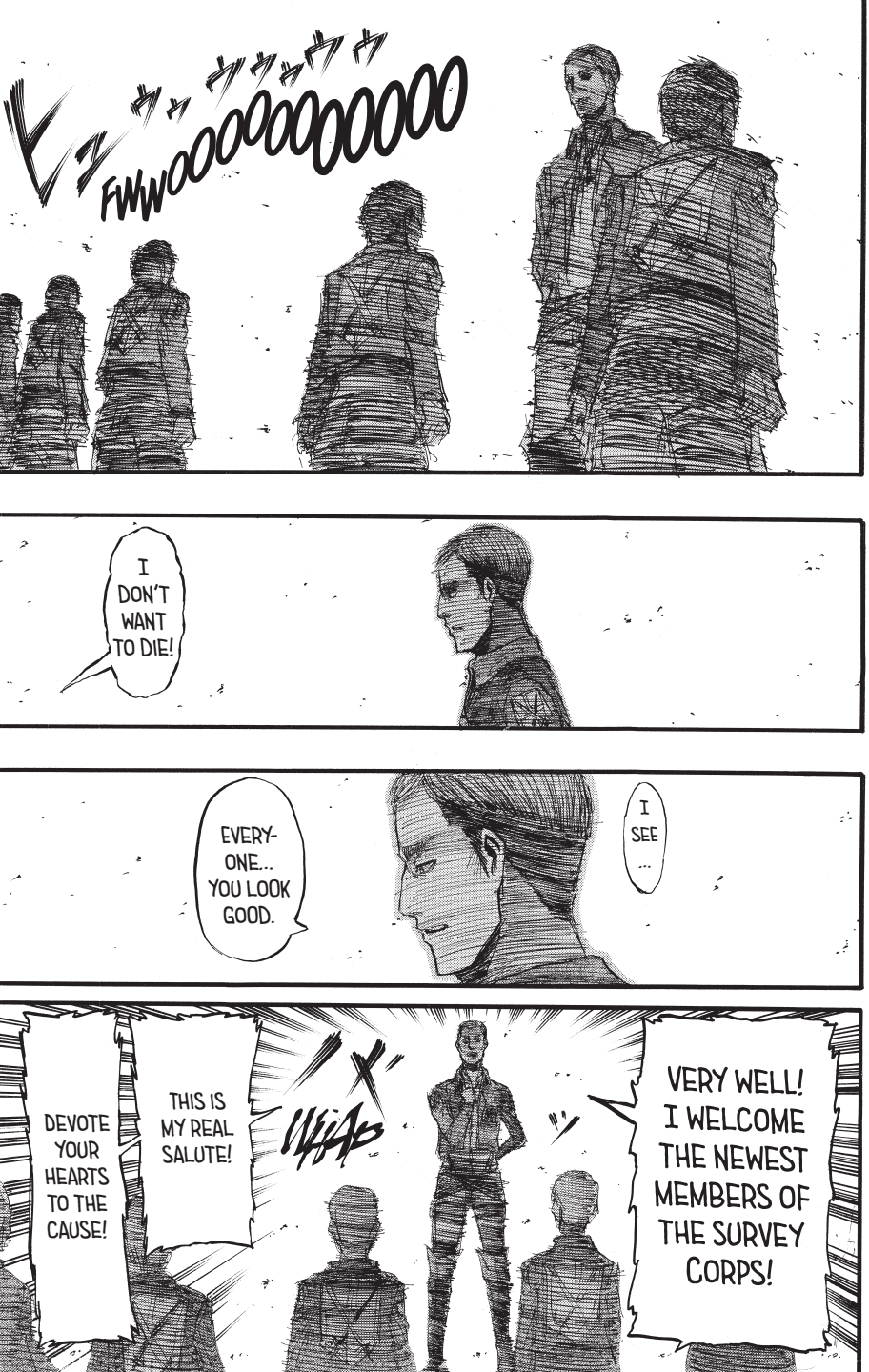
THOSE OF YOU WHO WISH TO JOIN THE OTHER DIVISIONS ARE DISMISSED.
THAT'S ALL.
CHFF CHFF
THE TRAINEES THAT ARE LEFT MUST FEEL LIKE THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH THE WRINGER.
COM-MANDER, DID YOU HAVE TO BE THAT INTIMIDAT-ING?

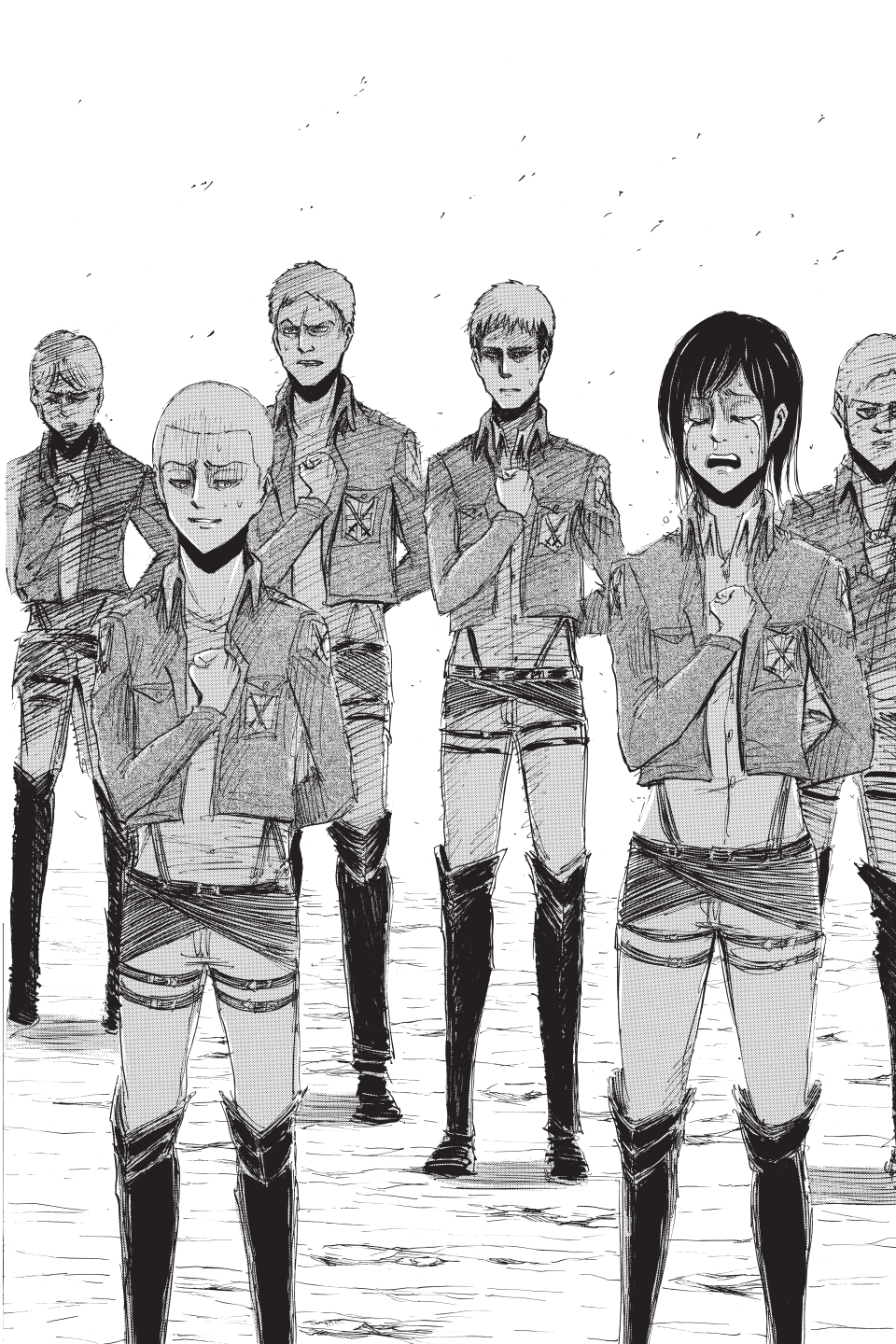
CHFF
CHFF
CHFF
CHFF
SHIT...
I'M BEGGING YOU HERE.
CHFF
DON'T MAKE ME...
...HATE MYSELF MORE THAN I ALREADY DO.
CHFF
CHFF

THUMP
IF I DON'T GET AWAY FROM HERE NOW... I'LL HAVE TO...
...FACE THEM AGAIN...
MURMUR
THUMP
THUMP

IF I BECAME AN MP... ...EVERY-ONE IN THE VILLAGE WOULD RESPECT ME.
...MOM WOULD BE SO HAPPY...
THE THUMP
THAT'S RIGHT...
I LEFT THE VILLAGE TO BECOME A MILITARY POLICE OFFICER...
CHFF
CHFF
THE THUMP
WE'VE SEEN IT...
WE ALREADY KNOW...
THE THUMP
...EAT PEOPLE...
THE THUMP
WE'VE SEEN HOW TITANS...
THE THUMP

FWWOOOOOOOOO
IF YOU ...
...WERE TOLD TO DIE, COULD YOU DO IT?


FWWOOOOOOOOOO
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
I SEE...
EVERY-ONE... YOU LOOK GOOD.
VERY WELL! I WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE SURVEY CORPS!
THIS IS MY REAL SALUTE!
DEVOTE YOUR HEARTS TO THE CAUSE!



YES, SIR!!

EV-
ERY-
ONE...
...
AHHH
...
SHIT
...
THE
SURVEY
CORPS,
OF ALL
THINGS
...
THIS
IS THE
WORST.
DAMN
IT...
...UNH
...I
HATE
THIS...
I'M
SCAR-
ED...
I WANNA
GO BACK
TO THE
VILLAGE...
AHH
...
I JUST
DON'T
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IF YOU'RE GONNA CRY HERE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL QUIT.
...
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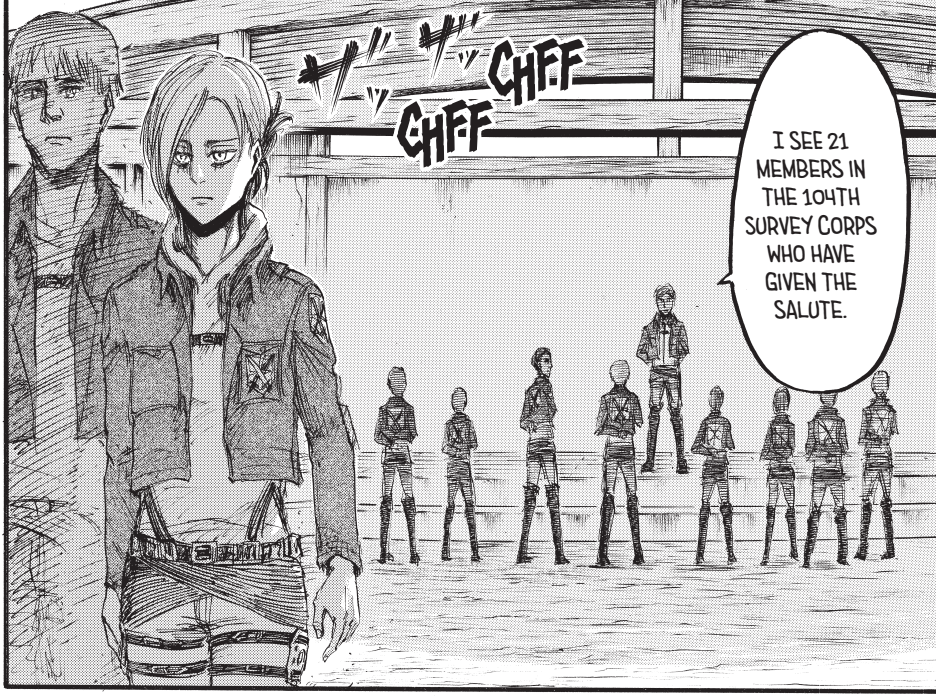

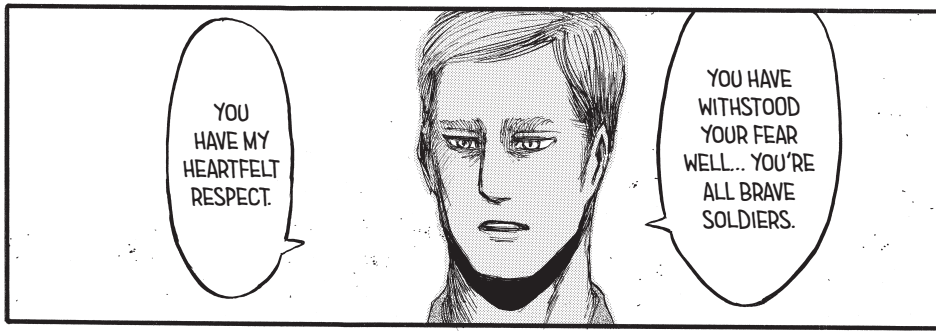

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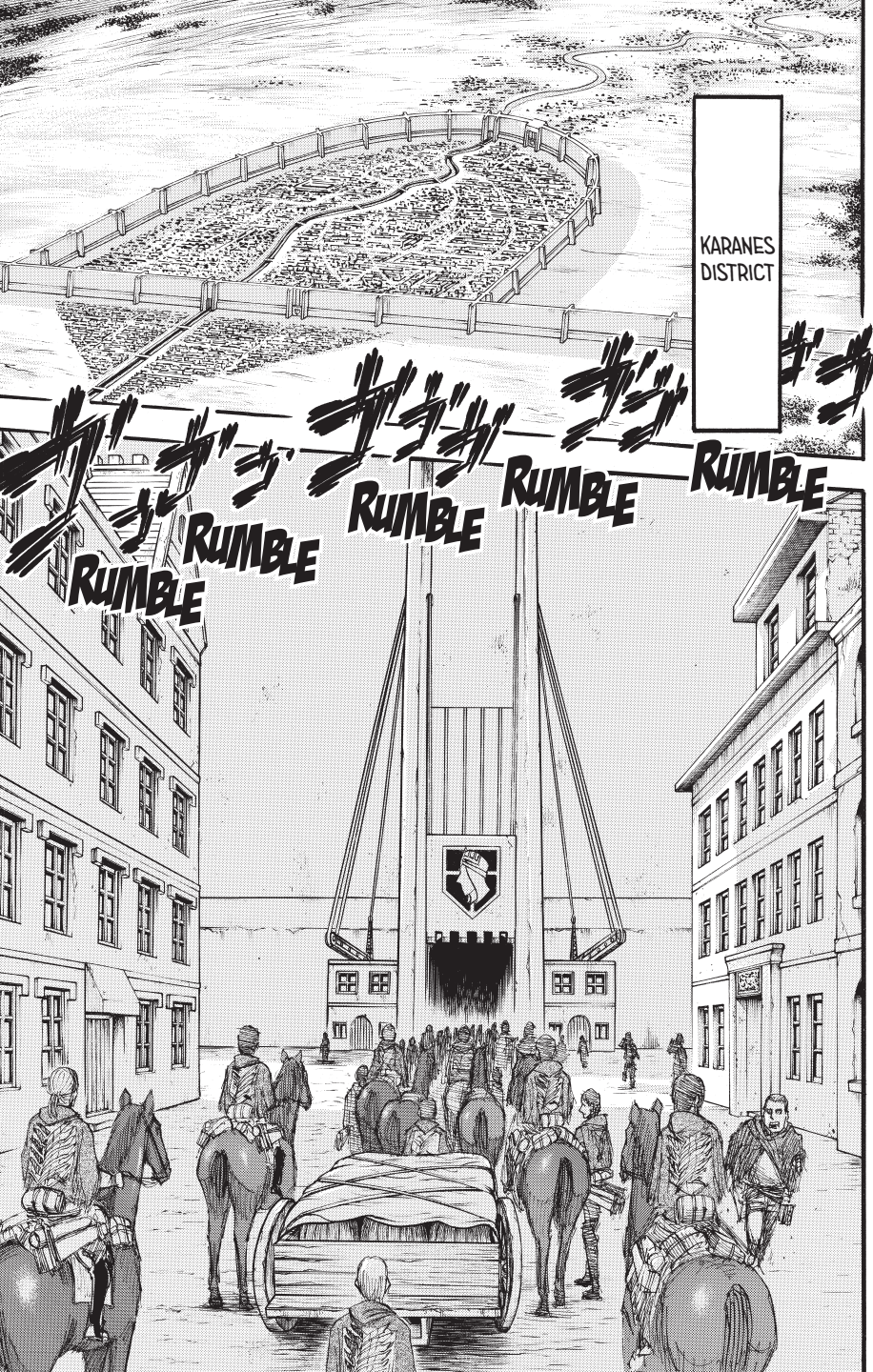
KARANES DISTRICT
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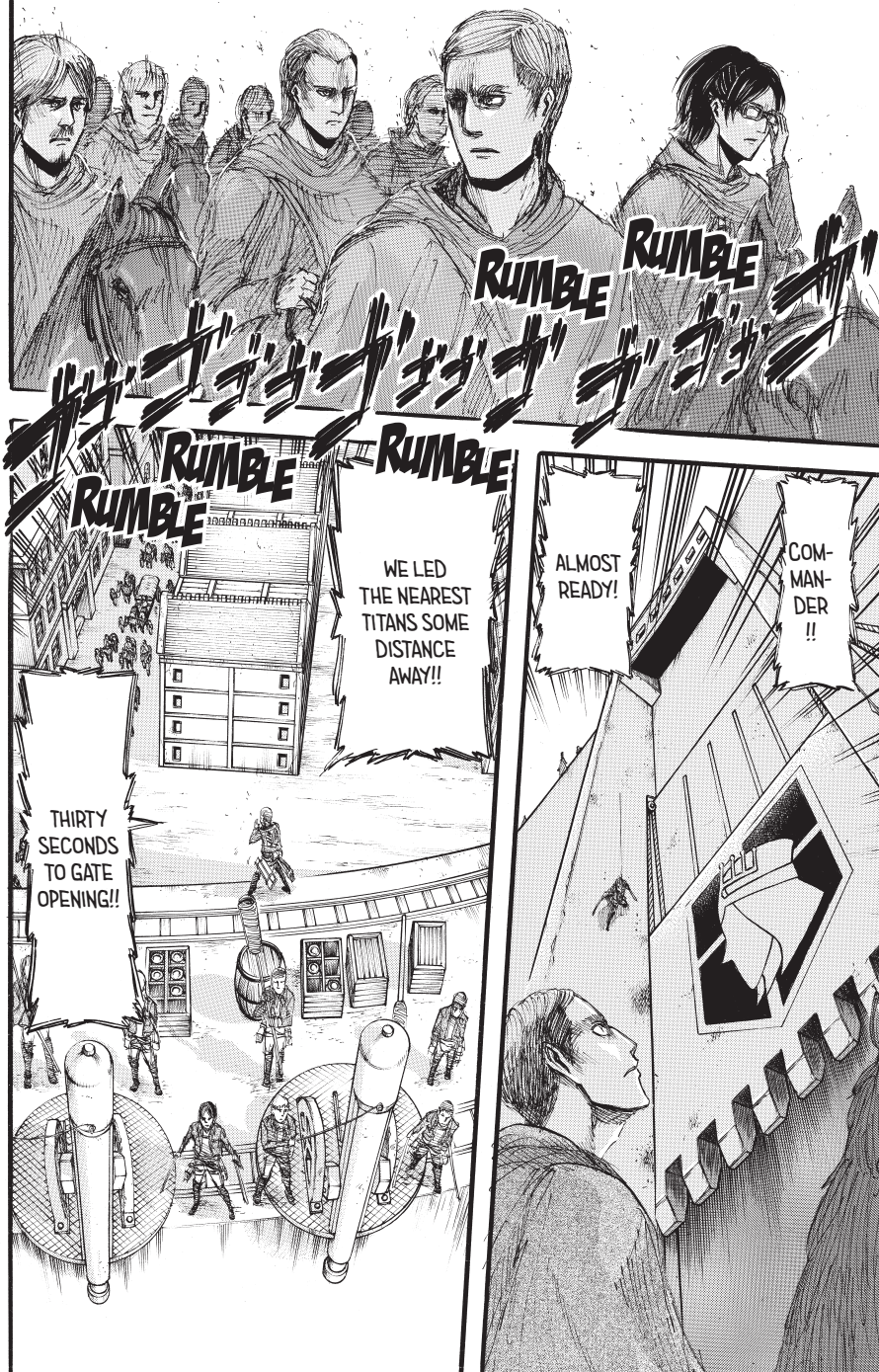
RUMBLE
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RUMBLE
WE LED THE NEAREST TITANS SOME DISTANCE AWAY!!
THIRTY SECONDS TO GATE OPENING!!
ALMOST READY!
COM-MAN-DER !!

SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED !!
THIS IS IT!! NOW THE HUMAN RACE TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
OPEN THE GATE!!
LAUNCH THE 57TH EXPEDITION OUTSIDE THE WALL!
AD-VANCE !!
CLOP CLOP
CLOP
CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP
CLOP

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP
!!
WHUD
10-METER* CLASS TITAN APPROACHING FROM THE LEFT!!
* ABOUT 33 FEET.
WHUD

DEFEND THE LINE TO THE DEATH!!
WHUD
WHOOSH
SHIT! ONE GOT PAST!
WHOOSH
AHHHHH
DON'T FLINCH!! TRUST IN THE SUPPORT TEAM AND KEEP GOING!!
HNH!!

ADVANCE!!
ADVANCE!!
CLOP
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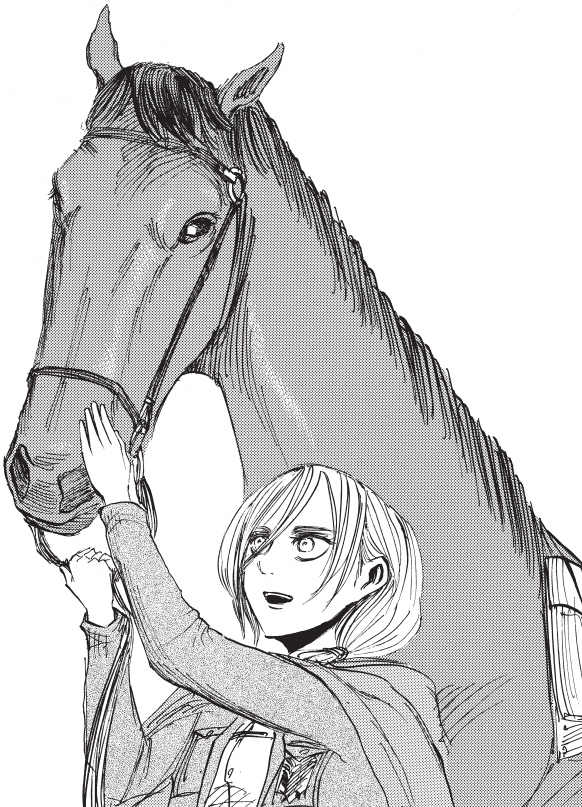
10. Survey Corps Horses

THE STABLE HORSES USED BY THE SURVEY CORPS ARE SELECTIVELY BRED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 160 CM (5 FEET 3 INCHES) TALL AND 450-500 KG (990-1,100 LBS). THEY CAN GET BY ON A SIMPLE DIET AND TRAVEL FOR MANY HOURS WITHOUT COMPLAINING. THESE HORSES HAVE A MILD TEMPERAMENT AND RARELY PANIC, EVEN WHEN CONFRONTED WITH TITANS. THEIR TOP SPEED IS BETWEEN 75-80 KPH (46-50 MPH), AND THEY CAN MAINTAIN A SWIFT 35 KPH (22 MPH) GALLOP. THE HORSES ARE TENACIOUS, ABLE TO MAINTAIN A FINE SPEED OF 20 KPH (12 MPH) EVEN WHEN PULLING A CARRIAGE. THEY AREN'T THE TITANS' DIRECT GOAL AND ARE ABLE TO OUTRUN THE TITANS ON FOOT, MAKING THEM THE ONLY METHOD OF ESCAPE. THESE HORSES ARE EXTREMELY VALUABLE. IN MONETARY TERMS, ONE IS WORTH AN AVERAGE PERSON'S LIFETIME INCOME. (WITH THANKS TO UKYŌ KODACHI AND KIYOMUNE MIWA)



THE SUPPORT TEAM WILL BACK US UP...
...'TIL WE GET PAST THE ABANDONED TOWN. AFTER THAT-
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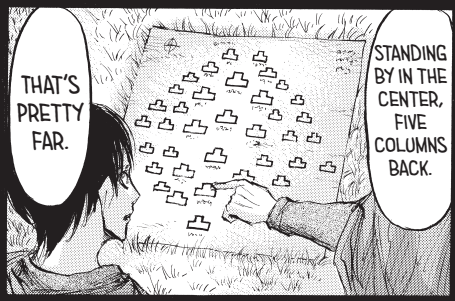
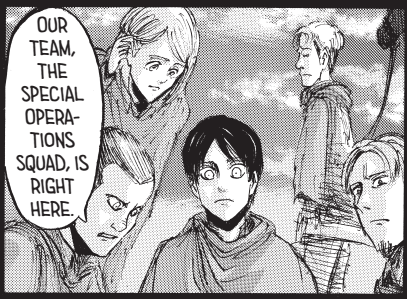
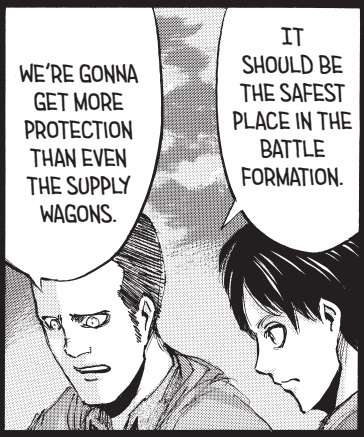
...WE'LL ORGANIZE INTO A GIANT FORMATION TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THE TITANS.


THAT'S PRETTY FAR.
STANDING BY IN THE CENTER, FIVE COLUMNS BACK.


OUR TEAM, THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUAD, IS RIGHT HERE.

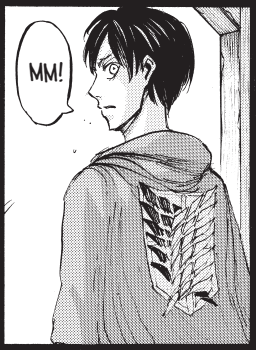
...IS JUST A TRIAL RUN FOR THE REAL DEAL, GETTING YOU TO SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT.
REMEMBER, THIS SHORT JAUNT OUTSIDE ...

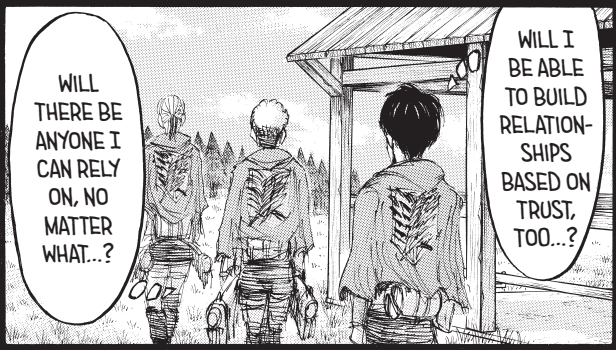

WE'RE GONNA GET MORE PROTECTION THAN EVEN THE SUPPLY WAGONS.
IT SHOULD BE THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE BATTLE FORMATION.

...
OUR PURPOSE THIS TIME IS TO GO OUT A BIT AND COME BACK INTACT.

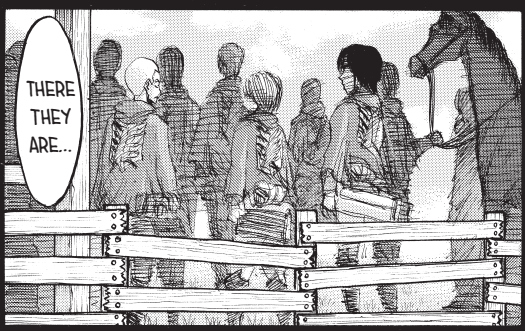
UM...
PROTECT HIM!
PROTECT EREN, AT ALL COSTS!
AREN'T WE GETTING A LITTLE BIT AHEAD OF OURSELVES ...?
I HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD YET WHAT TO DO WITH MY POWER, IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY...
HUH?
DID YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COMMANDER MEANT BY WHAT HE ASKED YOU BACK THEN?
...

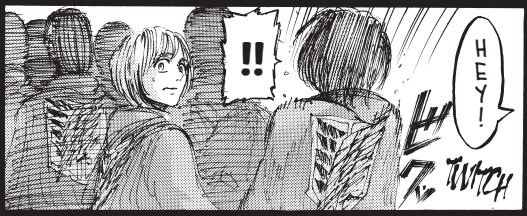
DID YOU GUYS UNDER-STAND IT?
NOPE.
UH-UH...
NO.
I DIDN'T GET IT AT ALL EITHER.
MAYBE THERE'S A PURPOSE TO THIS MISSION APART FROM JUST GOING OUT AND COMING BACK ALIVE.
BUT IF SO, THE COMMANDER HAS DECIDED THAT IT SHOULDN'T BE EXPLAINED TO THE RANK AND FILE.
RUSTLE
EITHER WAY, OUR DUTY IS MERELY TO HEAD OUT, AND COME BACK.
TRUST IN THE COMMAND-ER.
...YES, SIR.
ALL RIGHT, THIS IS FAR ENOUGH.
OKAY... LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE CASTLE.
CHFF
CHFF
...
TRUST ...


MM!


WILL I BE ABLE TO BUILD RELATION-SHIPS BASED ON TRUST, TOO...?
WILL THERE BE ANYONE I CAN RELY ON, NO MATTER WHAT...?

I DIDN'T SEE WHO WAS LEFT AT THE END YESTER-DAY...
...BUT THEY REALLY DID JOIN UP...


THERE THEY ARE...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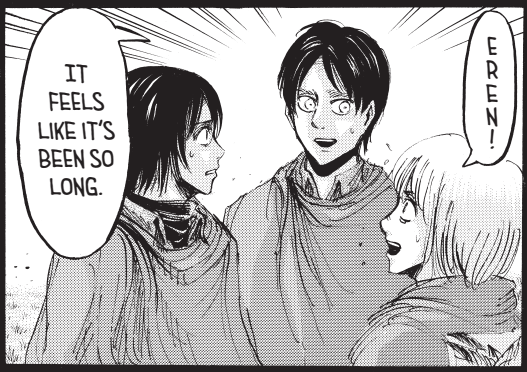
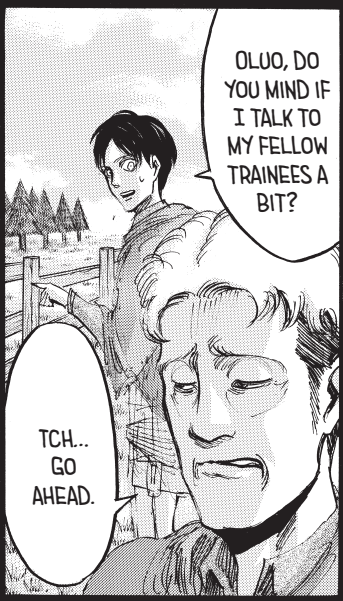
HEY!
BIG TWITCH


EREN!
IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN SO LONG.


OLUO, DO YOU MIND IF I TALK TO MY FELLOW TRAINEES A BIT?
TCH... GO AHEAD.

HAVE THEY HURT YOU AT ALL?
DID THEY GIVE YOU SOME SORT OF INVASIVE EXAMINATION? DID YOU SUFFER ANY MENTAL STRESS?
N-NO. NOTHING LIKE THAT.
...THAT SHORTY IS TOO FULL OF HIMSELF...
ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'LL TAKE HIM DOWN A PEG ...
YOU CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT CAPTAIN LEVI.
EREN!
! YOU GUYS JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS, TOO?
THEN ONLY ANNIE, MARCO, AND JEAN WENT WITH THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE.
EVERYONE ELSE EITHER JOINED THE CORPS OR THE GARRISON...
...
MM?
!
MARCO'S DEAD.
CHFF

JEAN ...?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
-WAIT A SECOND ...
WHAT ...
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
YOU SAID ...
... MARCO'S ...
TH-THUMP
...DEAD?
APPARENTLY, NOT EVERYONE GETS TO HAVE A DRAMATIC DEATH.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS LAST MOMENTS WERE LIKE... BUT HE WASN'T WEARING VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR...
HE DIED, AND NOBODY WAS THERE TO SEE IT.
AH ...
EREN ...
!
CHFF

EREN, I HEARD YOU TRIED TO KILL MIKASA WHEN YOU TURNED INTO A TITAN.
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ABOUT?
EDZ
WRONG.
EREN WAS TRYING TO SWAT A FLY...
I'M NOT ASKING YOU!
...
MIKASA, THAT SCAR ON YOUR CHEEK LOOKS PRETTY DEEP.
!
WHEN'D YOU GET IT?
FLICK
...!

IN OTHER WORDS, UNTIL NOW, YOU HAD NO IDEA YOU EVEN POSSESSED THIS TITAN POWER AND HAVE NO MEANS OF KEEPING IT UNDER CONTROL?
"SEEMS TO BE?" SO YOU HAVE NO MEMORY OF IT?
IT SEEMS TO BE TRUE... AFTER TURNING INTO A TITAN, I TRIED TO KILL MIKASA.
THAT'S ABOUT IT.
... YEAH.
I GUESS THIS IS WHERE WE STAND.
DID YOU PEOPLE HEAR THAT?

THIS IS WHAT WE'LL DIE FOR, AND LIKE WITH MARCO, EREN WON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT.
THIS IS WHAT OUR LIVES AND THE FATE OF HUMANITY RIDE ON.
...DRIVING EREN INTO A CORNER HERE?
WHAT'S THE SENSE IN...
JEAN ...
...
!!
WE'RE NOT ALL VOLUNTEERING TO DIE FOR EREN.
NOT EVERY-BODY IS LIKE YOU...
LOOK, MIKASA ...

ALL OF US, EREN INCLUDED, SHOULD KNOW...
...WHAT OUR LIVES ARE GOING TO BE USED FOR.
...
OTHERWISE, WE MIGHT HESITATE IN A CRISIS.
BUT WE'RE LOOKING TO EREN TO GIVE US SOMETHING IN RETURN.
AND LET US CAREFULLY APPRAISE ITS VALUE...
THEN
...SO WE CAN DECIDE WHETHER IT'S WORTH OUR LIVES.

SO...
!
... EREN ...
CHFF
SERI-OUSLY...
...WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.
O...
OKAY ...
GOP
GOP
GOP
GOP

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
OLUO! DO YOU THINK MY OLD CO-TRAINEES CAN BEAT THE TITANS?
WHAT?
WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THIS PAST MONTH?!
LISTEN, YOU LITTLE SHIT... AN EXPLORATORY EXPEDITION...
CLOP
CLOP
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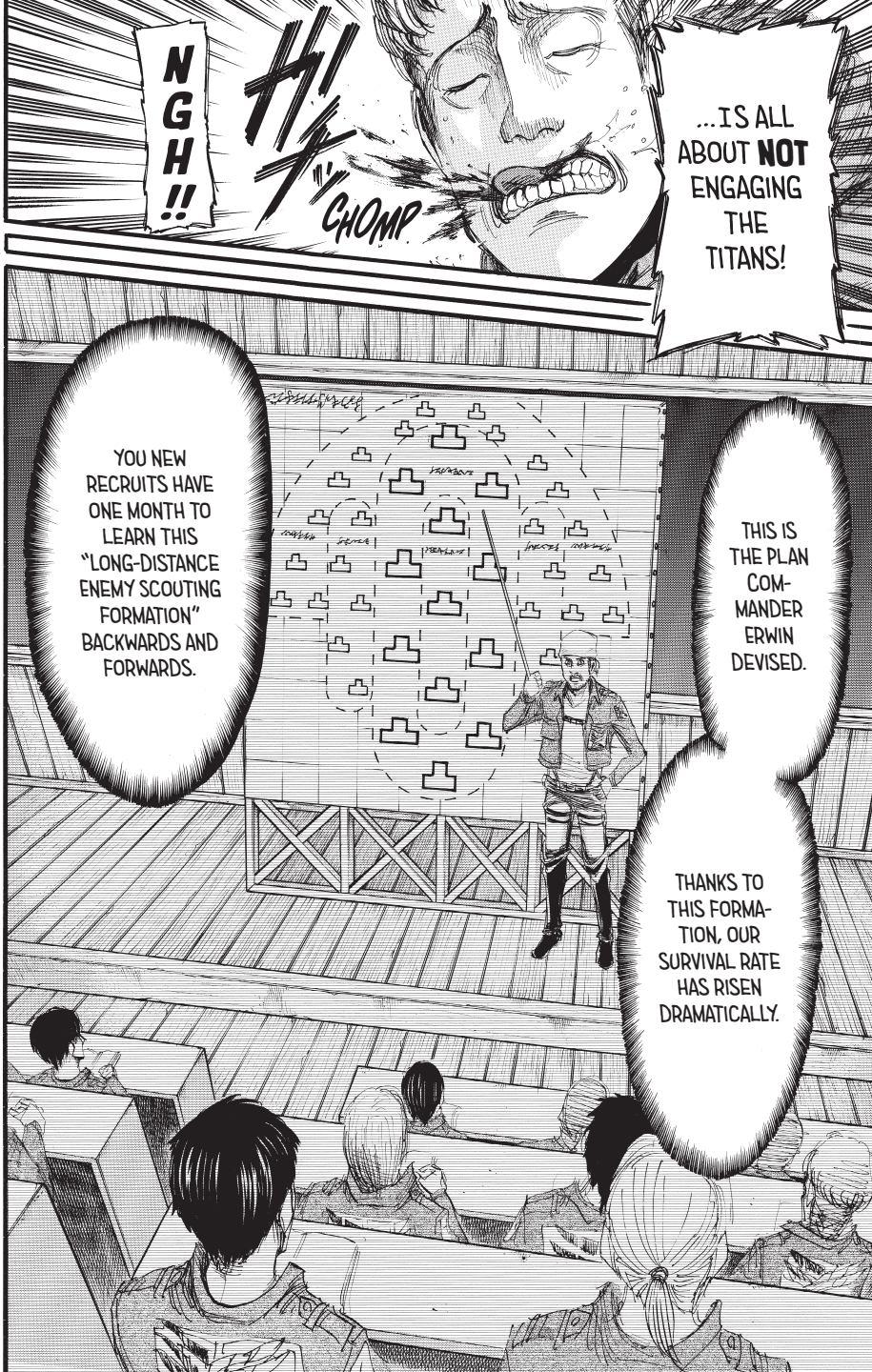
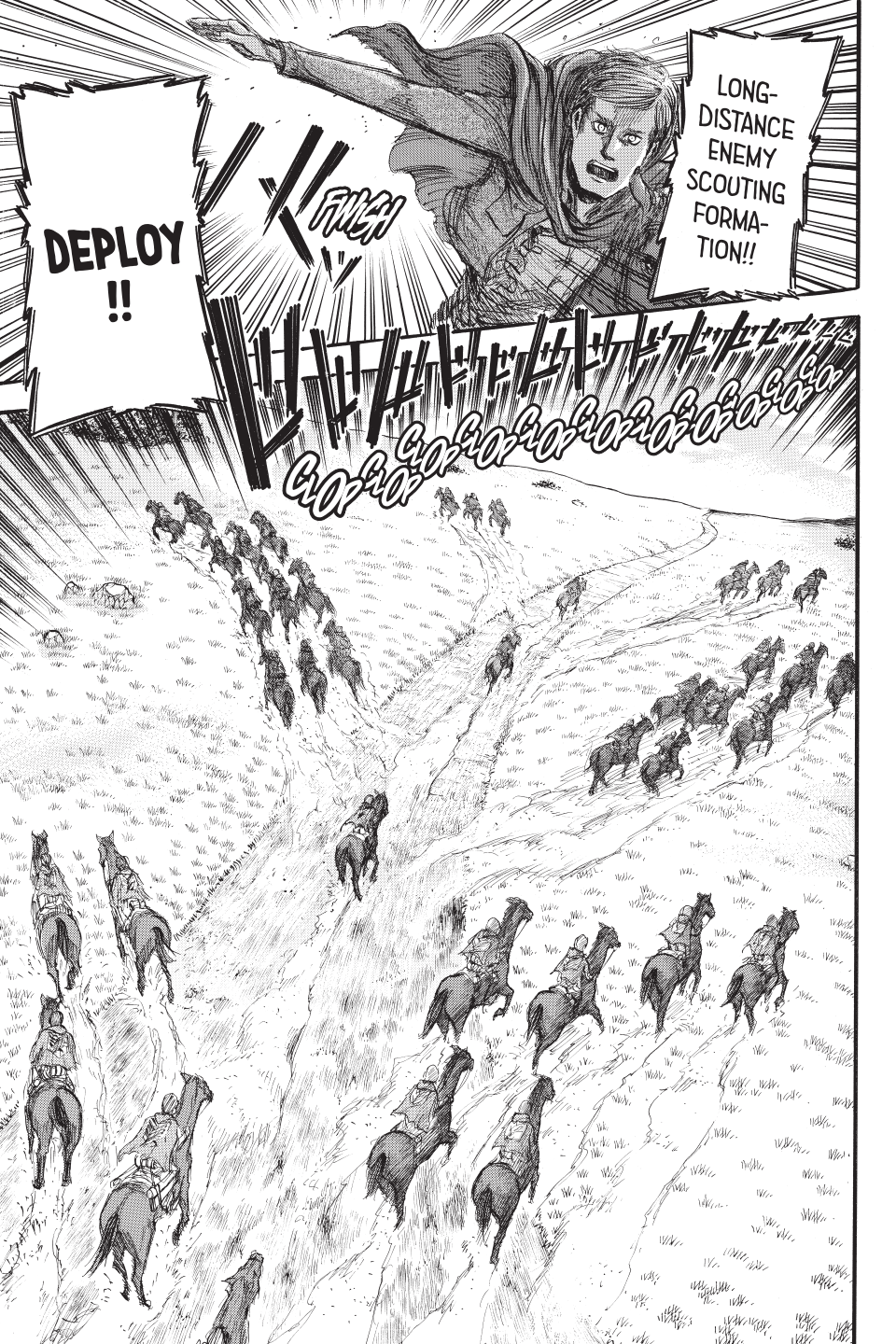

NGH!!
CHOMP
...IS ALL ABOUT **NOT** ENGAGING THE TITANS!
YOU NEW RECRUITS HAVE ONE MONTH TO LEARN THIS "LONG-DISTANCE ENEMY SCOUTING FORMATION" BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS.
THIS IS THE PLAN COM-MANDER ERWIN DEVISED.
THANKS TO THIS FORMA-TION, OUR SURVIVAL RATE HAS RISEN DRAMATICALLY.


LONG-DISTANCE ENEMY SCOUTING FORMA-TION!!
FWISH
DEPLOY !!
CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP

SECOND COLUMN, CENTER: COMMAND
SOLDIERS ARE SPREAD OUT OVER A LONG DISTANCE WITH A SEMICIRCULAR FORMATION IN FRONT, BUT YOU'RE SPACED OUT EVENLY TO ENSURE YOU CAN SEE IN ALL DIRECTIONS.
THIRD COLUMN, THIRD: COMMUNICATIONS
FIFTH COLUMN, CENTER: ON STANDBY
SECOND COLUMN, THIRD: COMMUNICATIONS
AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, SPREAD OUT ENEMY SCOUTING, COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE PERIMETER.
SECOND COLUMN, FOURTH: COMMUNICATIONS
THIRD COLUMN, FOURTH: COMMUNICATIONS

YOU NEW RECRUITS WILL BE RIGHT HERE...
...IN BETWEEN THE WAGON SUPPORT TEAM AND THE SCOUTING SUPPORT TEAM.
YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND KEEPING PACE WITH THE SPARE HORSES.
CLOP
CLOP
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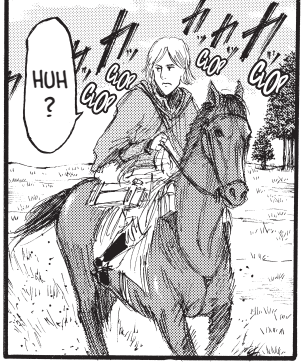
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP


HUH?
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
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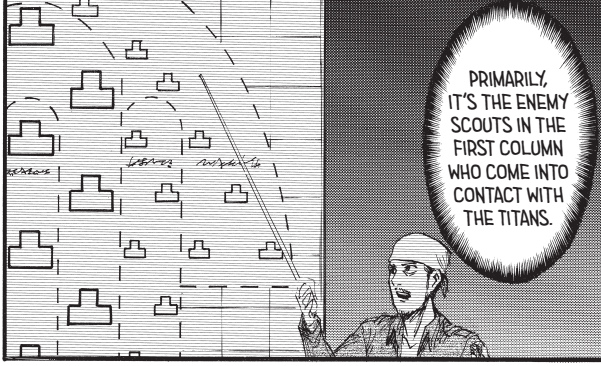
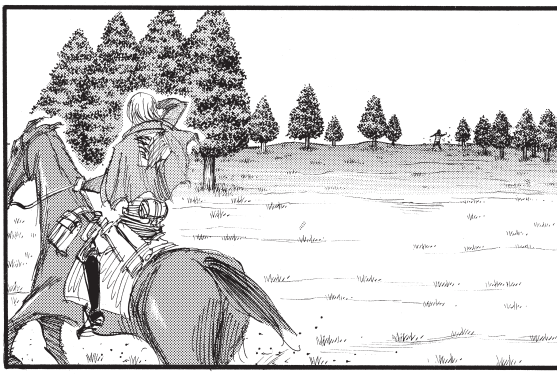
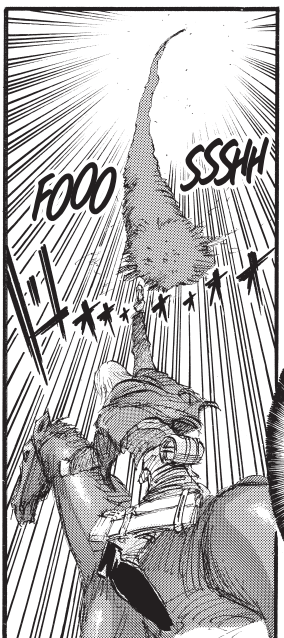
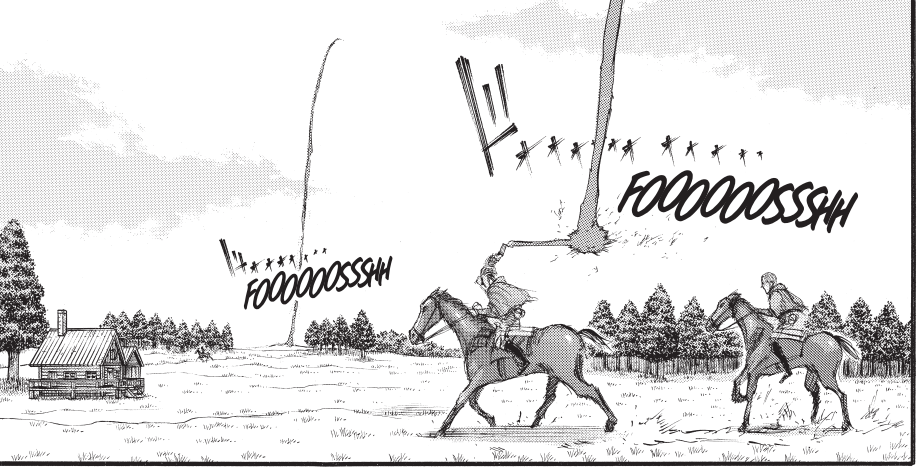

PRIMARILY, IT'S THE ENEMY SCOUTS IN THE FIRST COLUMN WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE TITANS.

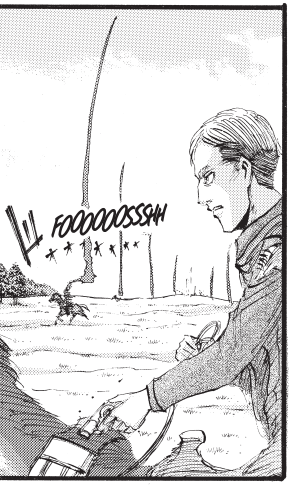
WHUUD
WHUUD
WHUUD
WHUUD
WHUUD




FOOO
SSSHH

KACHAK
WHENEVER THEY COME ACROSS A TITAN...
...THEY'LL FIRE OFF A RED FLARE.


FOOOOOOSSSHH
FOOOOOOSSSHH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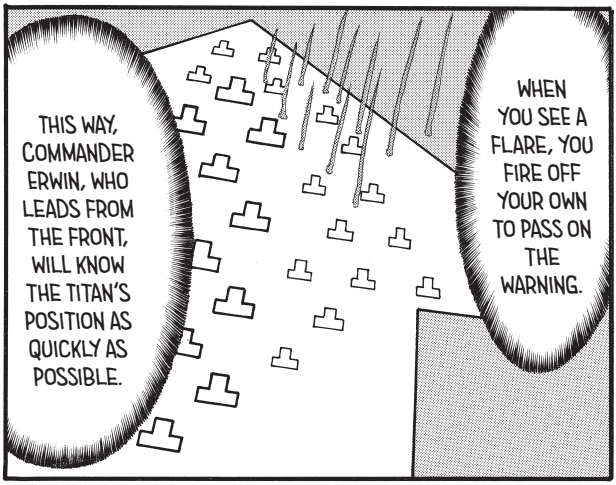
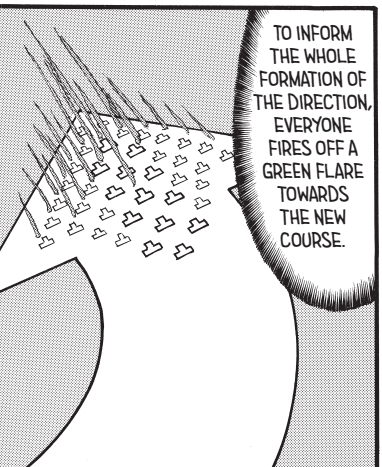
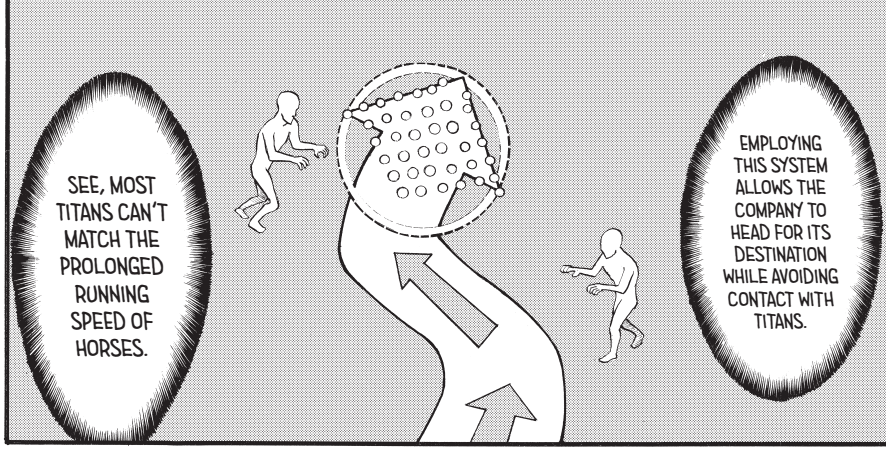
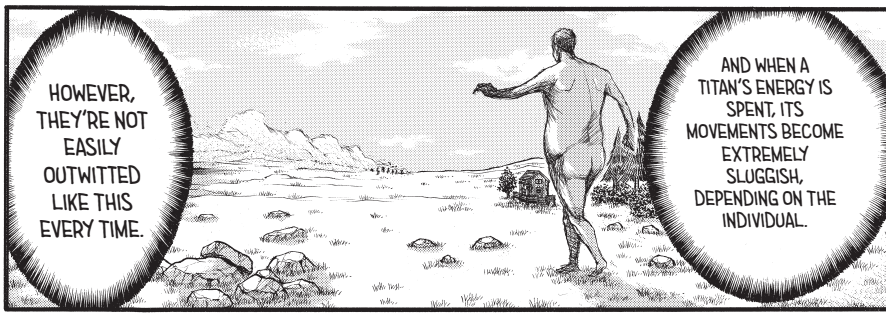
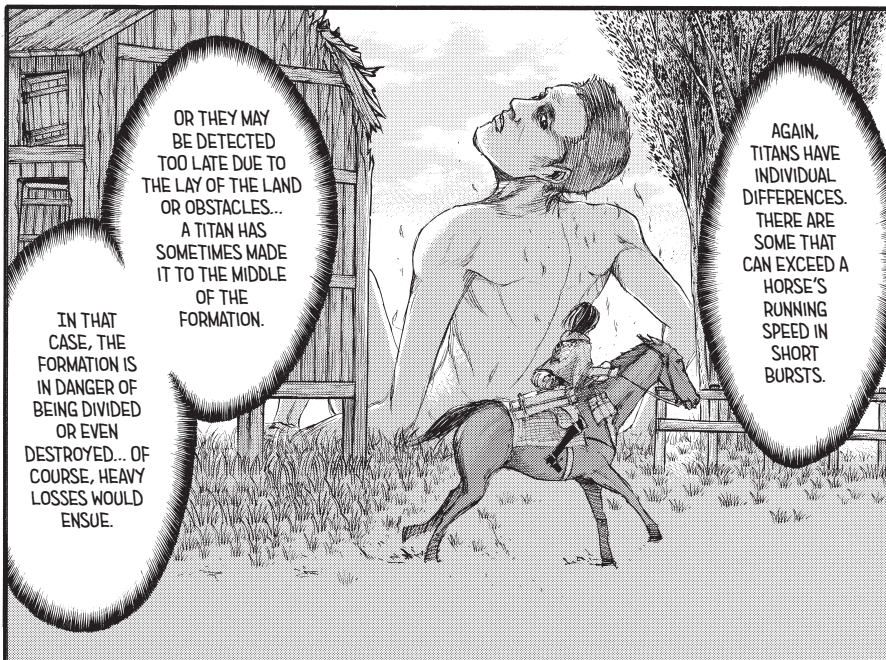

THIS WAY, COMMANDER ERWIN, WHO LEADS FROM THE FRONT, WILL KNOW THE TITAN'S POSITION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
WHEN YOU SEE A FLARE, YOU FIRE OFF YOUR OWN TO PASS ON THE WARNING.


TO INFORM THE WHOLE FORMATION OF THE DIRECTION, EVERYONE FIRES OFF A GREEN FLARE TOWARDS THE NEW COURSE.

FOOOOOOSSSHH
THIS SIGNAL MEANS THE ENTIRE CAMP IS ALTERING ITS COURSE AND HEADING IN A NEW DIRECTION.
THEN, THE COMMANDER WILL FIRE OFF A GREEN FLARE.


SEE, MOST TITANS CAN'T MATCH THE PROLONGED RUNNING SPEED OF HORSES.
EMPLOYING THIS SYSTEM ALLOWS THE COMPANY TO HEAD FOR ITS DESTINATION WHILE AVOIDING CONTACT WITH TITANS.


HOWEVER, THEY'RE NOT EASILY OUTWITTED LIKE THIS EVERY TIME.
AND WHEN A TITAN'S ENERGY IS SPENT, ITS MOVEMENTS BECOME EXTREMELY SLUGGISH, DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL.

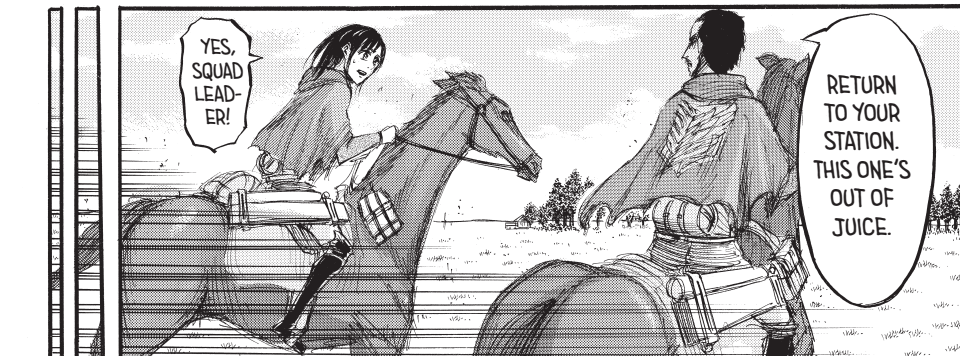

OR THEY MAY BE DETECTED TOO LATE DUE TO THE LAY OF THE LAND OR OBSTACLES... A TITAN HAS SOMETIMES MADE IT TO THE MIDDLE OF THE FORMATION.
AGAIN, TITANS HAVE INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES. THERE ARE SOME THAT CAN EXCEED A HORSE'S RUNNING SPEED IN SHORT BURSTS.
IN THAT CASE, THE FORMATION IS IN DANGER OF BEING DIVIDED OR EVEN DESTROYED... OF COURSE, HEAVY LOSSES WOULD ENSUE.

SECOND COLUMN, THIRD: COMMUNICATIONS
AH!
GOTTA...
GOTTA SHOOT OFF A RED FLARE...
OH, NO! SCOUTS MISSED ONE!
LET'S LURE IT OVER THIS WAY!

UNGH !!
YANK
RIDE THIS WAY!
SASHA, OVER HERE!
OVER HERE, ASS-HOLE!!
FWISH
CLOP
HAH ...!

CHFFFFFF
CLOP
!!

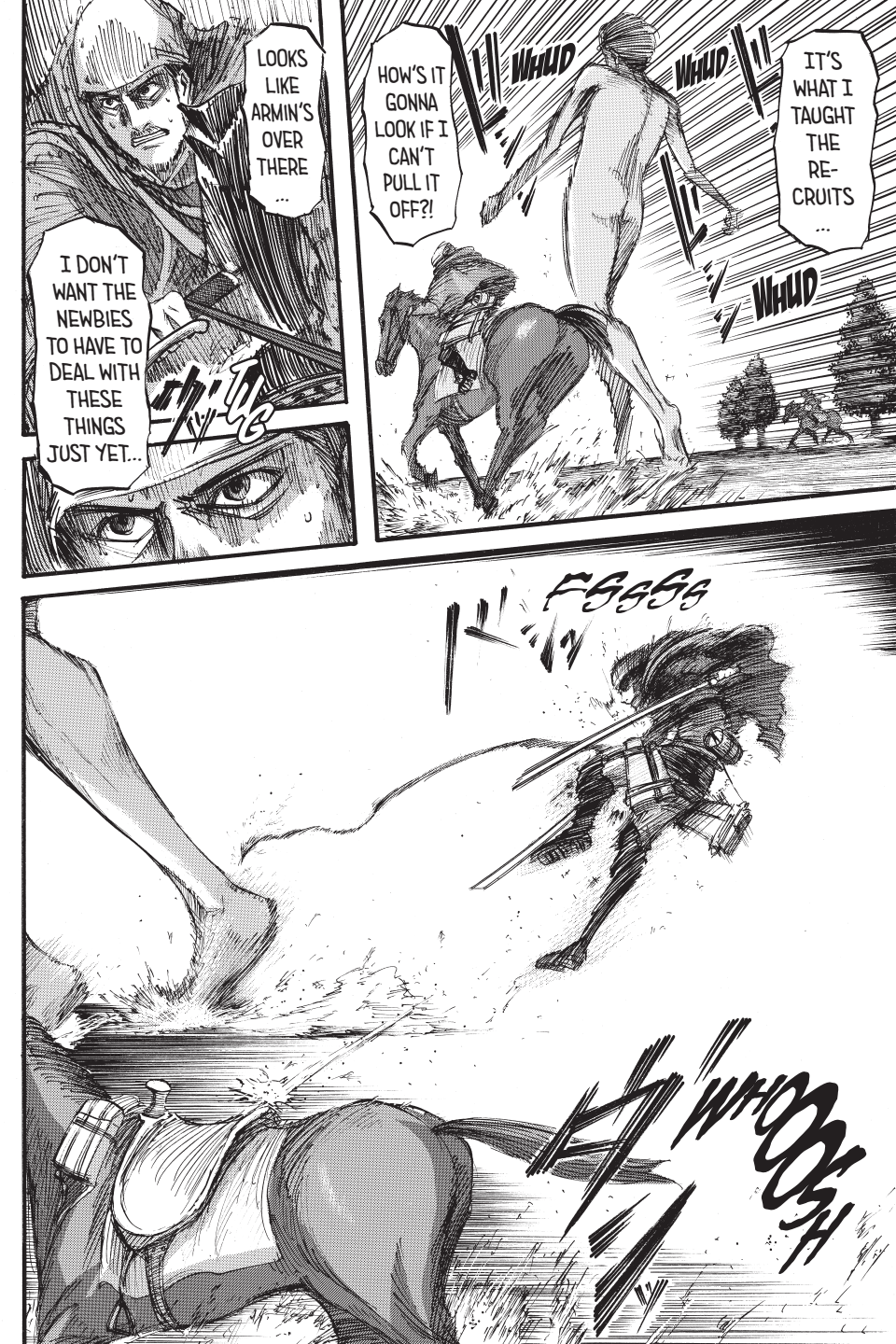
KAK
KAK
KAK
KAK
KAK
KAK
KAK
KAK
CRASH


YES, SQUAD LEAD-ER!
RETURN TO YOUR STATION. THIS ONE'S OUT OF JUICE.

NOW, ALL OF THESE TACTICS...
...ONLY APPLY TO THE "NORMALS," WHOSE BEHAVIOR IS EASY TO PREDICT.
...
STRANGE...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE RED SIGNAL WAS SENT, BUT THE FORMATION IS STILL IN CHAOS
WHUD
...!
WHUD
WHUD
OH, NO...
!!
FOOOOSSHH
WHUD
THAT'S...

FOOOOSSHH
オォォォォォォ
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! THIS ONE'S-
KACHA
IT'S IGNORING THE NEARBY HUMANS AND HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE CENTER OF THE FORMATION?!
A BLACK FLARE ?!
HYOOOOOO
...AN ABNORMAL!
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD

WE'VE GOT TO KILL IT!
DAMMIT!
KACHA
WHEN IT COMES TO THE ABNORMALS AND THEIR UNPREDICTABLE BEHAVIOR, THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT!
ROGER!
I'LL GET IT TO STOP!!
FWISH
WHUD
WHUD
SISS! YOU GET THE NECK!!
CLOP
STILL... I CAN'T LET IT BREAK THE FORMATION. AS SOON AS I BRING THAT THING DOWN, WE'VE GOTTA FINISH IT OFF!
PLUS I COULD BE SEPARATED FROM THE GROUP.
MY CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING IS EXTREMELY LOW, AND I'LL BE THROWN FROM MY HORSE.
VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR DOESN'T REALLY WORK WELL ON LEVEL GROUND.


LOOKS LIKE ARMIN'S OVER THERE ...
I DON'T WANT THE NEWBIES TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THESE THINGS JUST YET...
HOW'S IT GONNA LOOK IF I CAN'T PULL IT OFF?!
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
IT'S WHAT I TAUGHT THE RE-CRUITS ...
FSSSS
WHOOSH

CHFFFFFF
THUK
WHEEE

HUNH !!
WHEEEEE
SHK
WHUMP
WOBBLE
NOW!!
SISS !!
FWISH
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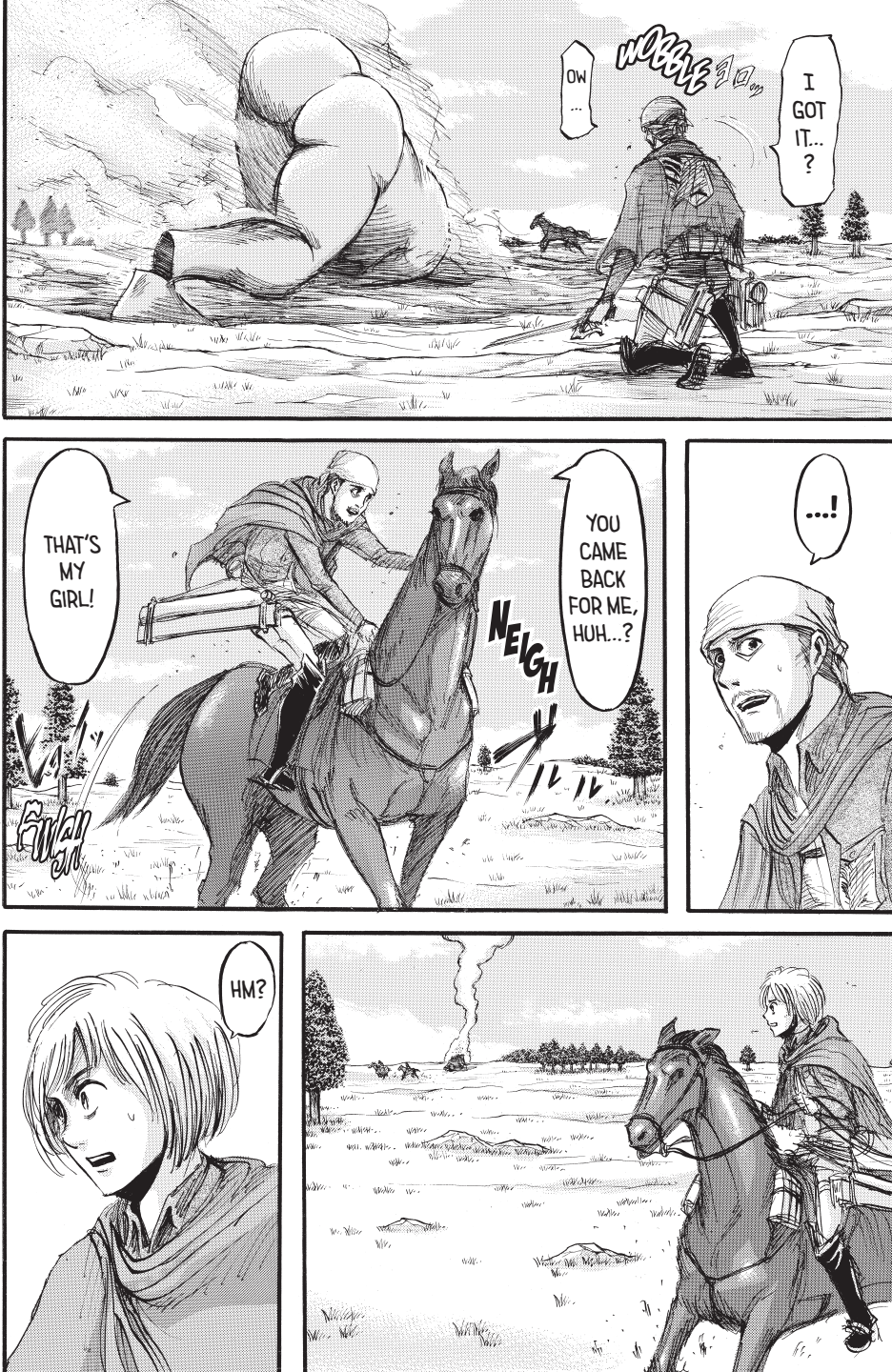
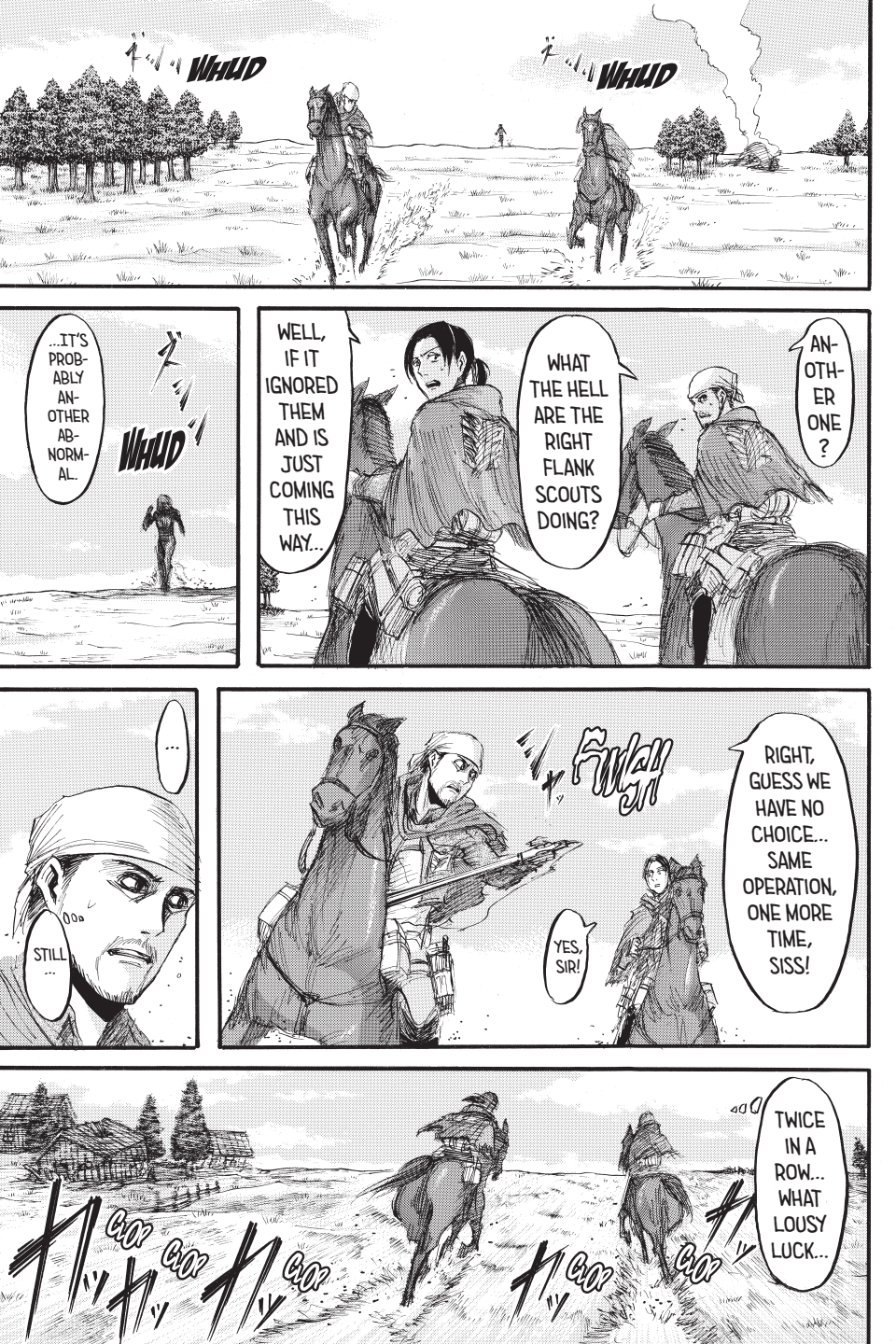
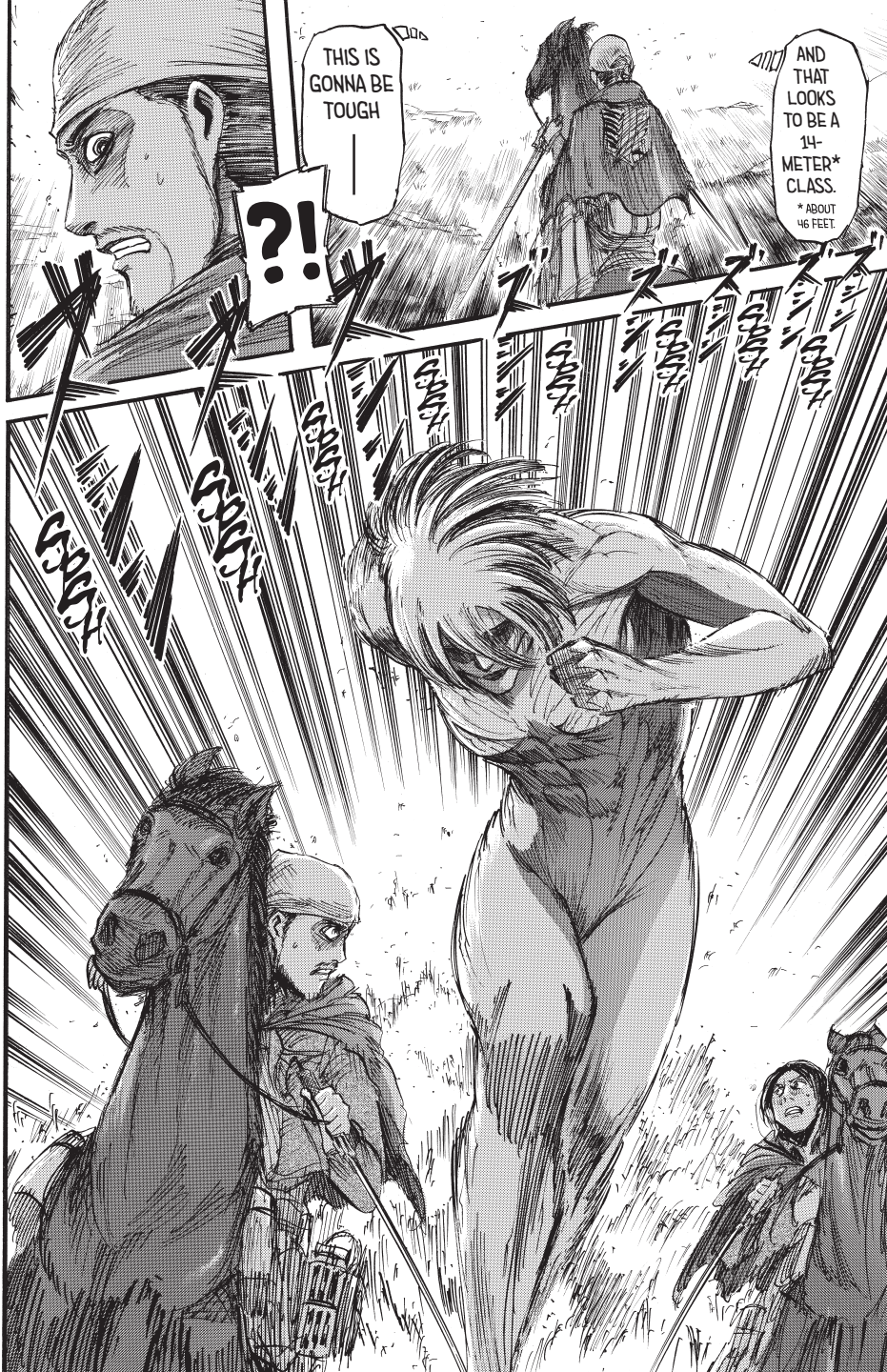
CHIFFFFFF
WHOOSH
WHUD
SQUAD LEADER NESS!
YOU DID IT!


I GOT IT...?
WOBBLE
OW...
...!
YOU CAME BACK FOR ME, HUH...?
NEIGH
THAT'S MY GIRL!
HM?


WHUD
WHUD
...IT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER ABNORMAL.
WHUD
WELL, IF IT IGNORED THEM AND IS JUST COMING THIS WAY...
WHAT THE HELL ARE THE RIGHT FLANK SCOUTS DOING?
ANOTHER ONE?
...
STILL...
FWAH
YES, SIR!
RIGHT, GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE... SAME OPERATION, ONE MORE TIME, SISS!
CLOP CLOP CLOP
CLOP CLOP
TWICE IN A ROW... WHAT LOUSY LUCK...


AND THAT LOOKS TO BE A 14-METER* CLASS.
* ABOUT 46 FEET.
THIS IS GONNA BE TOUGH —
?!
SPSH
SPSH
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SPSH
SPSH
SPSH
SPSH
SPSH

IT'S MOVING TOO FAST!!
WHAT IS THAT?!
FOO OOSSHH
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
SHIT!
NO...!! THEY'RE RIGHT IN ITS PATH!!
WHUD

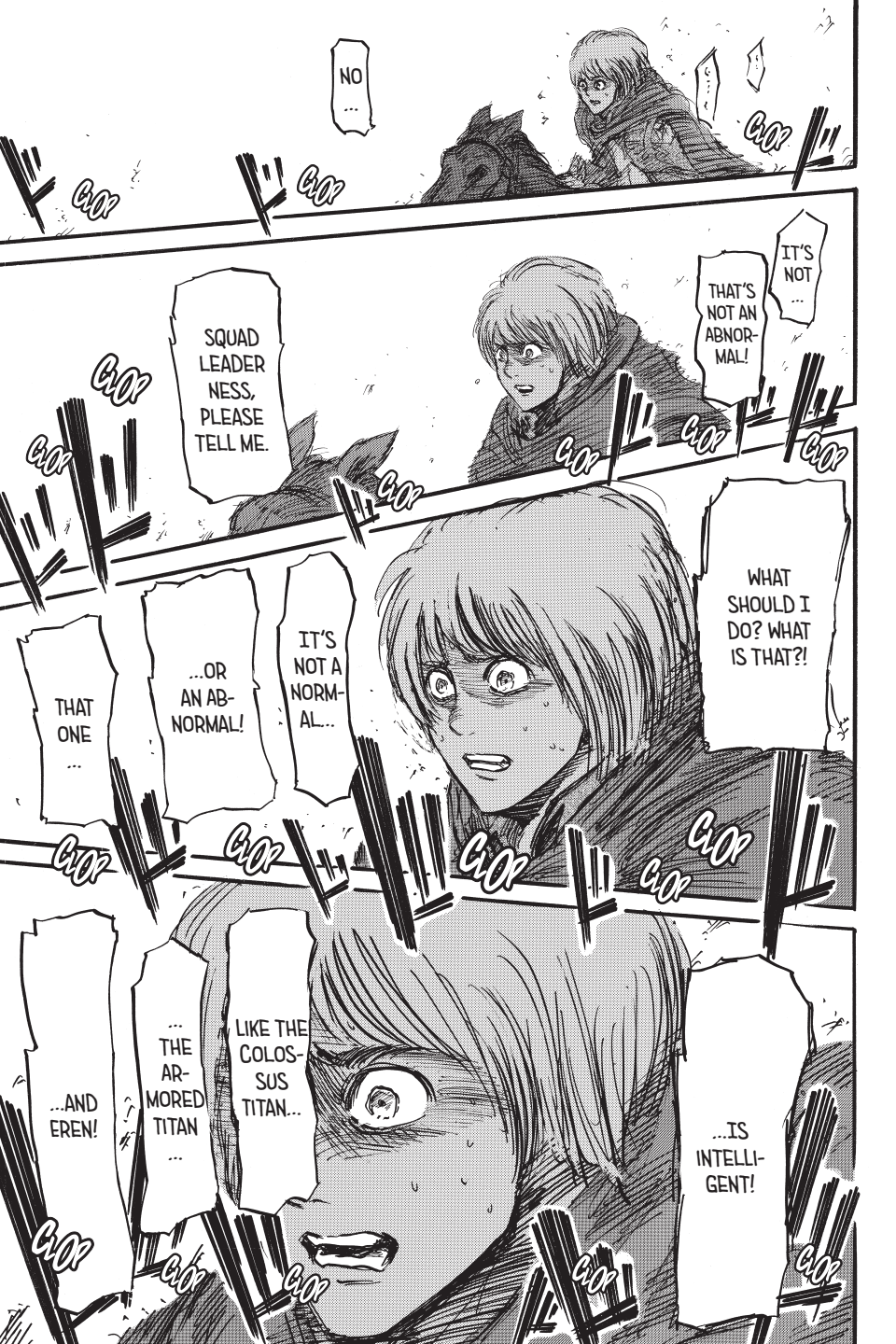
AAAAAH!
CLOP
CLOP CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
!!
IT'S HEAD-ING FOR ARMIN ...

DON'T LET IT GO!
SISS !!
RIGHT !

SQUISH
WHIZZZZZZ
JERK
HUH?
?!
WHOOOSH

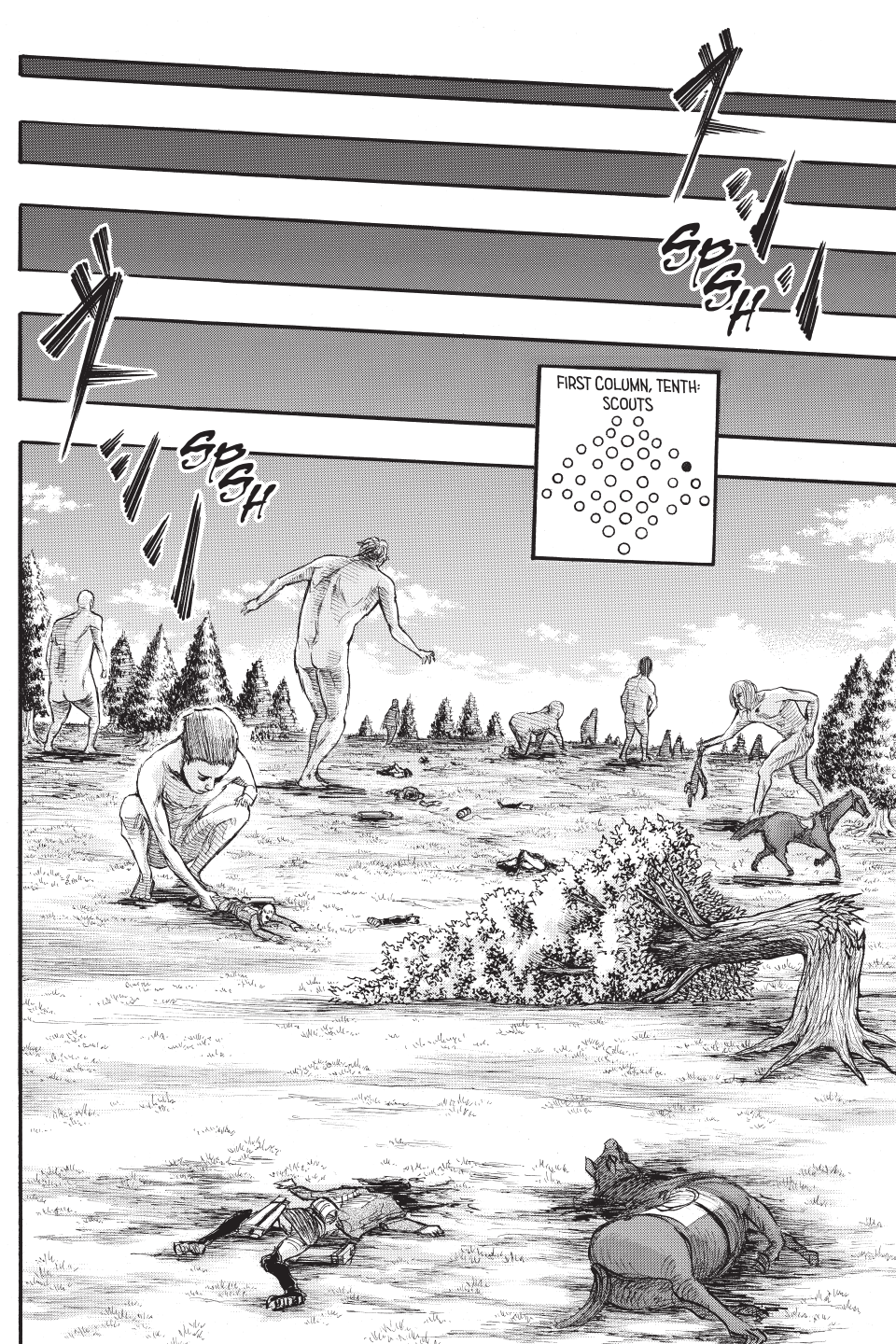
ホトSLAM

GO
GO
GO


NO ...
GLOP
GLOP
GLOP

THEN IT MUST BE A HUMAN IN THE BODY OF A TITAN!!
CLOP
CLOP
B-BUT WHO ...?!
CLOP
CLOP
WHY?! WHY WOULD ANYONE DO THIS?!

I'M GONNA DIE, TOO!! IT'S GONNA KILL ME!!
WHAT DO I DO?!
THIS IS BAD !!
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP CLOP


SPSH
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FIRST COLUMN, TENTH:
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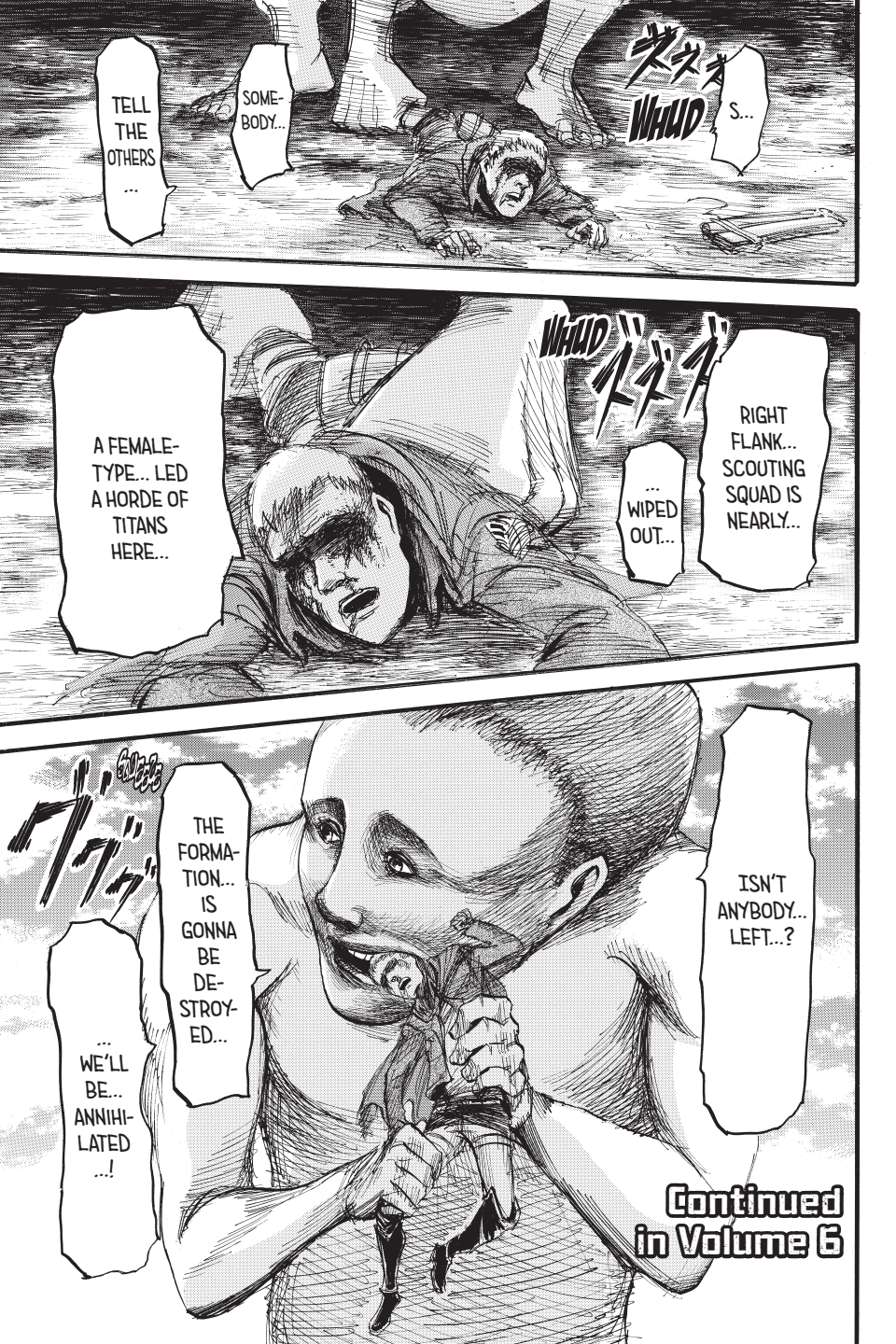
TELL THE OTHERS...
SOMEBODY...
WHUD
S...
WHUD
A FEMALE-TYPE... LED A HORDE OF TITANS HERE...
... WIPED OUT...
RIGHT FLANK... SCOUTING SQUAD IS NEARLY...
ISN'T ANYBODY... LEFT...?
THE FORMATION... IS GONNA BE DESTROYED...
... WE'LL BE... ANNIHILATED...!
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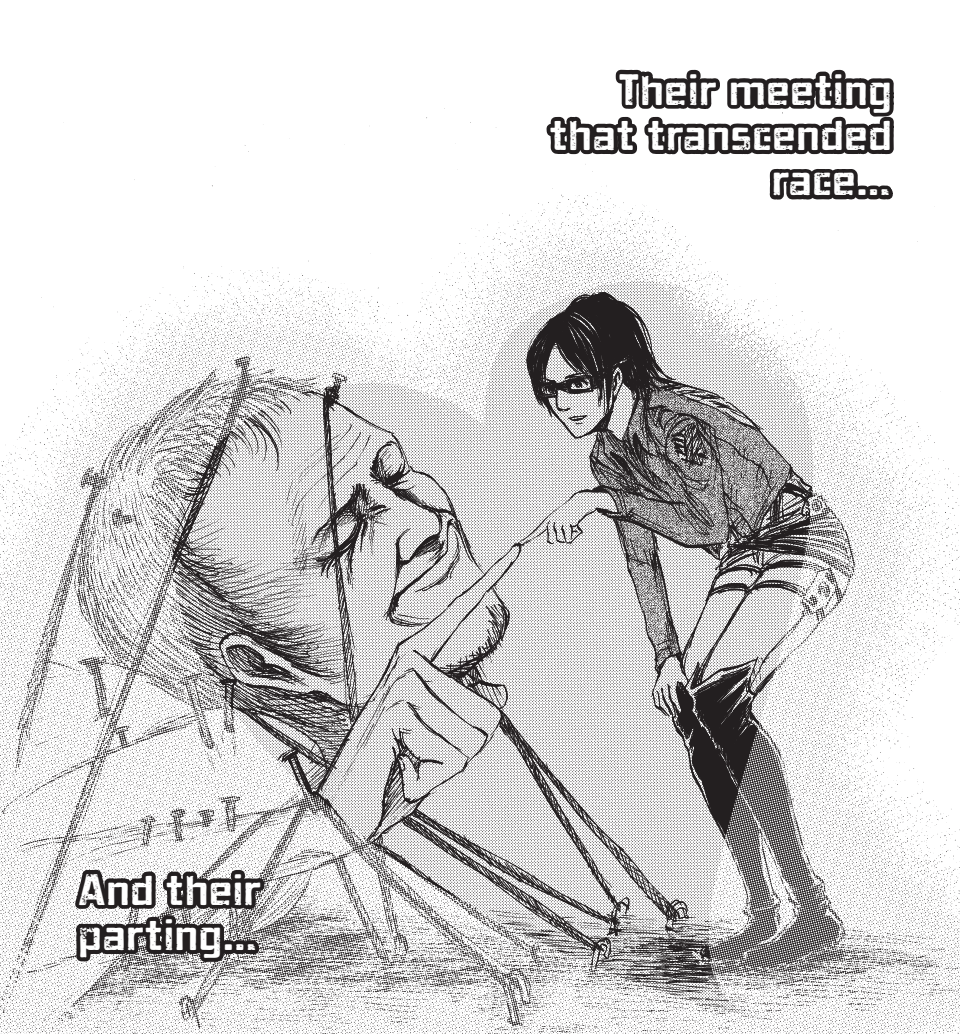

BRINGS A MIRACLE INTO THE WORLD!

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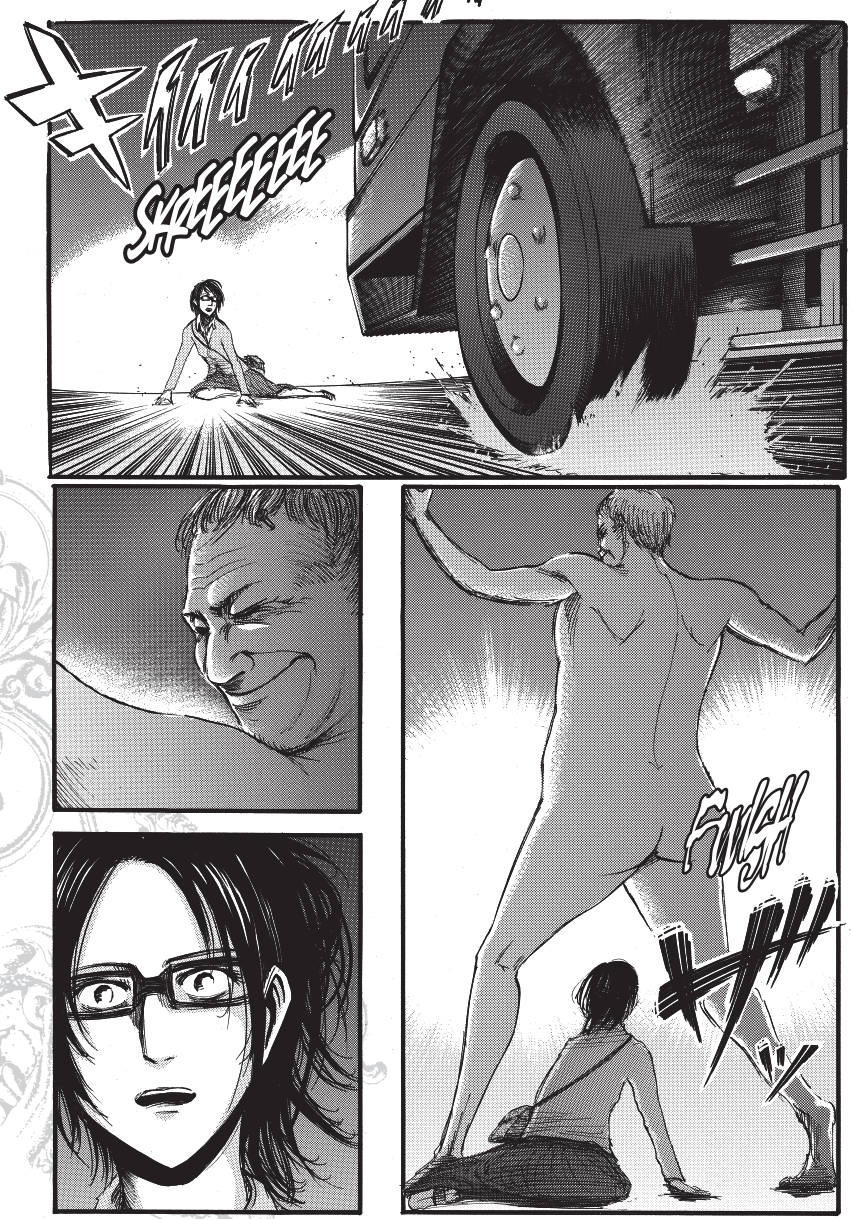

A LOVE THAT OVERCAME TABOO

* Not a real preview.

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Translation Notes

YMIR, PAGE 12 [12.5]

NO SPOILERS HERE, BUT IN NORSE MYTHOLOGY, YMIR WAS THE PRIMEVAL GIANT SLAIN BY ODIN AND HIS BROTHERS. THEY CREATED THE EARTH FROM HIS BODY AND THE SEA FROM HIS BLOOD.

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